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# Saints Spotlight

SAINTS 1 CHELSEA 5: **RODRIGUEZ OPENER**

# SAINTS LEFT COST OF CUP

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Saints started the game in a similar fashion to how they left off against Arsenal – looking confident on the ball and not overawed by their opponents.

Guly Do Prado and David Luiz both had early efforts at goal but neither were close to troubling either keeper.

Chelsea were happy to sit back and allow Saints a bit of possession and were trying to attack with quick and fast pass-

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ing movements when they got on the ball.

Luiz had another go on 13 minutes but under pressure could only lob the ball comfortably into the arms of Artur Boruc.

There was a break in play as Steven Davis required treatment after injuring his knee but was able to continue.

Saints were continuing to make themselves very hard to break down when Chelsea did get the ball and it was working defensively.

And that gave them the platform to attack and take the lead on 22 minutes.

A quick break from Saints saw Jason Puncheon pick out a superb pass to Jay Rodriguez.

The striker took the ball into his stride with the outside of his

right boot and then finished across the advancing Ross Turnbull 12 yards out, again with the outside of his right boot, picking out the far corner for 1-0.

Chelsea almost responded four minutes later as Eden Hazard curled a right-footed shot from 20 yards out just wide.

The Blues were trying to apply some extra pressure to Saints but they were holding firm and working very hard indeed to do so.

But they were eventually broken down on 36 minutes.

Saints were exposed as Chelsea attacked down the left and Hazard fed the ball into Luiz in the area.

The midfielder lifted his shot over Boruc who was trying to



dive at his feet to grab the ball.

It was heading towards goal but Demba Ba just beat Steven Davis to it and was able to finish from all of a yard out for 1-1.

Chelsea were buoyed by their goal and tried to add another as Victor Moses controlled on his chest and volleyed towards goal inside the area but Boruc was able to turn it wide.

The goal had really seemed to lift Chelsea who were pinning Saints back a little more and putting the pressure on them.

It paid off too as all of Saints' hard work came tumbling down around them as Chelsea took the lead with virtually the last kick of the first half.

Deep into the two minutes of added time Ashley Cole cut the ball back from inside the box to Moses.

He took a touch to control and then drilled a half volley into the far corner from 12 yards out which gave Boruc no chance.

Despite all that hard work and effort Saints trudged off at St Mary's trailing.

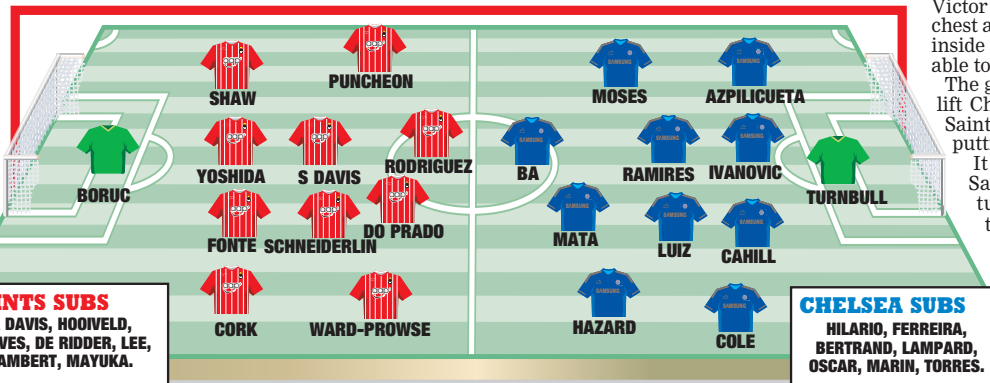
The second half started as the



**UNIMPRESSED:** Guly Do Prado watches Chelsea's Victor Moses celebrate making it 2-1.



**SHAKE ON IT:** Jay Rodriguez celebrates making it 1-0 with Jose Fonte.



RICKIE Lambert and Gaston Ramirez were both left out as Nigel Adkins tinkered with his side for the visit of Chelsea.

The Saints boss was clearly cautious to play a strong team against the FA Cup holders but didn't want

## TEAM NEWS

to risk burnout for his star striker Lambert so left him on the bench.

There was also no place for Ramirez who had suffered a dead leg, while Nathaniel Clyne also

wasn't risked despite returning to training following an ankle injury.

James Ward-Prowse and Jay Rodriguez were the ones drafted into the team.

Demba Ba made his Chelsea debut.

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# Saints Spotlight

## PROVES TO BE FALSE DAWN FOR OUTGUNNED SAINTS

# TO COUNT DEFEAT

## Class told – Adkins

NIGEL Adkins admitted Saints "couldn't get anywhere near" Chelsea in the second half as his side were dumped out of the FA Cup 5-1 at St Mary's.

Saints took the lead in a bright opening through Jay Rodriguez but a Demba Ba debut double, Victor Moses, Branislav Ivanovic and Frank Lampard penalty ensured the holders easily progressed.

"I thought we did very well in the first half leading up to the goals just before half-time," said Adkins.

"It was a good goal from Jay Rodriguez and a nice bit of football and I thought we started the game very brightly and moved the football about although we maybe didn't penetrate as much as we wanted to.

"I thought we did really well in the first half but the goals just before half-time was not what we needed and second half I think it's fair to say that Chelsea's class told in the end.

"I thought they were really good in the second half and we couldn't get anywhere near them."

Adkins also confirmed that Saints are waiting to discover the extent of the knee injury suffered by Jose Fonte with the Portuguese stretched off during the second half.

"It's not good when somebody gets stretched off," reflected a rueful Adkins.

"He's being assessed now so I can't say the extent of the damage.

"It is a knee injury that it looks as though he's picked up but I can't say what it is at this moment."



**ABOVE:** Chelsea's Victor Moses scores his side's second goal.

**LEFT:** Chelsea's Demba Ba scores his first goal.

**ABOVE RIGHT:** Jay Rodriguez and Branislav Ivanovic battle for the ball.

ball up in the area and laid it back to Ramires. He found Hazard who slipped in a low pass towards the near post.

Ba got in ahead of Jose Fonte and flicked home a finish for 4-1.

As if that wasn't bad enough Fonte injured his knee stretching for the ball and had to be stretchered off with Jos Hooiveld coming on in his place.

Chelsea made a change on 65 minutes with Frank Lampard replacing Ivanovic.

Saints had their heads in their hands on 71 minutes as they so nearly pulled one back.

Do Prado got down the right and whipped in a cross that came to De Ridder.

His touch took him in on goal but Turnbull saved from point blank range. The ball went out to Davis but his shot was blocked.

Up the other end Boruc had to save with his legs as Ba met Moses' cross with a header at the far post.

Chelsea made their second

change on 73 minutes with Marko Marin replacing Moses.

Moments later Boruc had to make another save, this time low down from Lampard's long range drive.

Saints made a change on 78 minutes with Tadanari Lee coming on for Punccheon.

De Ridder tried to flick a header goalwards but it went wide before he picked up the first booking of the game for a foul.

Chelsea made a final switch with Oscar replacing Mata.

The punishment was complete for Saints as Chelsea made it 5-1 with eight minutes remaining.

Lampard tried to lift the ball into the area but it was blocked by Steven Davis. It hit his chest first but bounced on to his arm which was hanging out.

Mike Dean thought about it and decided it was deliberate and inside the area and gave the penalty which Lampard drilled home with Boruc diving the wrong way to complete a miserable afternoon.



**ONE STEP AHEAD:** Jose Fonte beats Chelsea's David Luiz to the ball.



first ended – with Chelsea pushing forward and Saints looking a little down after giving away their lead.

Saints really needed to make sure they didn't concede another goal as they were always going to have a chance to have a good go at Chelsea as the game wore on as long as they were only a goal down.

Juan Mata tried to curl an effort goalwards six minutes after the restart but it got a flick off the head of Guly do Prado and went wide.

However, it didn't take long for Chelsea to score the goal that gave them a real cushion.

Branislav Ivanovic stayed in an attacking position and was able to beat everybody to power home a header from close range after a left wing cross on 52 minutes for 3-1.

Saints responded with their first change with Steve De Ridder replacing Morgan Schneiderlin.

Boruc was relieved to see Luke Shaw able to get the ball away after he came for a cross and spilled it.

It did get much worse for Saints though as they shipped another goal and lost their captain.

Ba got the chance to hold the



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## FA CUP THIRD ROUND SPOTLIGHT



### Marriott in dreamland

LINING up against Liverpool in the FA Cup third round tomorrow will be the realisation of a dream for Mansfield goalkeeper Alan Marriott.

It will be the first time during Marriott's 16-year career that he has played at that stage of the competition.

The 34-year-old, who over the Christmas period made his 500th professional appearance, is a Tottenham fan and counts Paul Gascoigne's thunderous 30-yard free-kick against Arsenal in the 1991 semi-final at Wembley as his greatest FA Cup memory.

But Marriott believes it is not beyond the realms of possibility that, come Sunday evening, his own name might be part of FA Cup folklore. "Sunday will be a massive moment for me," said Marriott, Mansfield's joint-longest serving player along with winger Louis Briscoe.

"I'm 34 now and coming towards the end of my career, but I have never played in the third round and it is something that I have always wanted to do. And it will be mind-blowing coming up against players of Liverpool's calibre.

"It is unbelievable when you think about the players you could come up against. Whether they put out Luis Suarez, Steven Gerrard or some of the youngsters, they have got a fantastic squad.

"They have fantastic depth with under-21 internationals and anyone who plays will want to show they are good enough to play for Liverpool.

"In Daniel Sturridge we could be coming up against someone who this week cost around £12m, which is more than all of us and the club put together is worth. You can't grasp the reality sometimes.

"I suppose when you look at it like that, you just want to have a good game and not embarrass ourselves in front of friends, family and the watching world on television.

"We just have to go out and enjoy the occasion – it fulfils a lot of dreams for a lot of people. We will enjoy the day and then keep the memories locked away for when we are sitting in a rocking chair.

"But we also want to do our best. We can go out there and enjoy it but there is no point in doing that if you don't have the belief that you can win, so we want to pull off a shock.

"Some people might think we are in dreamland thinking we can win, but we will be out there fighting like Trojans so anything could happen.

"I am a Tottenham fan and my greatest FA Cup memory is that Gazza free-kick against Arsenal. It is one of the greatest ever goals and I can't remember the number of times I recreated that in my back garden.

"Who knows, maybe on Sunday I might have my own special memory to look back on when I'm in that rocking chair."

# MONK RELISHING GUNNERS CLASH

**SWANSEA will be inspired by memories of last season's famous Barclays Premier League win over Arsenal when the clubs meet again in the FA Cup third round, according to captain Garry Monk.**

Last January's 3-2 win over the Gunners was arguably the highlight of Swansea's maiden Premier League campaign, and put the south Wales club firmly on the map as they outplayed the top-flight's renowned pass masters.

Since then Swansea have also gone to the Emirates Stadium and come away with victory, thanks to Michu's double in a 2-0 win in December, and Monk believes those successes mean Swansea will take a fearless approach come Sunday lunchtime.

"The win last season was amazing and was fully deserved," said former Saints player Monk.

"It was one of the landmark games of the first season and gave us a lot of confidence that we could perform in the Premier League, although this game is in the Cup we will take that into Sunday.

"It was a fantastic win at the Emirates as well, but that was also very deserved and that's the point we are trying to make.

"We played well for 90 minutes and it was a professional performance, but we know the FA Cup is going to be something different.

"We want to get the job done in 90 minutes and I think it will be a different game from the one at the Emirates because they've been on a decent run of form since then.

"But it does make a difference

when you play these sides week in, week out.

"When you are a lower league club there is a bit more of the unknown but everybody is an established Premier League player now so it is a little less daunting.

"It's one to look forward to as a player and a big plus for us is that it's at home in front of our own supporters."

While Monk is Swansea club captain and has been with them since their days in League Two, he has been linked with a move away from the Liberty Stadium in January.

Monk has had to bide his time with Ashley Williams and Chico Flores proving to be Michael Laudrup's preferred defensive pairing, although the 33-year-old has performed well in his seven appearances thus far.

Monk would prefer to stay with the Swans, but will evaluate the options available to him before a decision is made.

He said: "Swansea are my club, I've been here nine years.

"I do not want to go elsewhere so I am not really thinking about that right now.

"If there are options I will wait to see what the manager's thoughts are.

"I am in the squad and when I have played I think I have done well, but until I have spoken to the manager I can't say much.

"A lot depends on who the club bring in during the window and what the manager thinks.

"I feel fit and ready to play. Like every player on the bench you feel a bit wasted on the bench and that you could be doing a job for the team.

"I just make sure I am professional and train hard so that when I am called upon I am ready."



**PREMIER LEAGUE INSPIRATION:** Swansea's Gary Monk, right, pictured battling with Saints' Rickie Lambert earlier in the season.

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## FA CUP THIRD ROUND SPOTLIGHT



ON TARGET: Eunan O'Kane.

## Cherries in hat for fourth-round draw

## Wigan 1 AFC Bournemouth 1

JORDI Gomez's second-half equaliser denied League 1 Bournemouth a shock FA Cup win at Wigan.

Instead, the Cherries' battling display after Eunan O'Kane had netted a superb opener earned them a replay at Dean Court and a place in tomorrow's fourth round draw.

Wigan's second-half performance was enough to merit a share of the spoils, with new-boy Angelo Henriquez heading against the bar within minutes of his introduction at the break.

Although the romance of the FA Cup does not come from half-empty stadiums and severely weakened teams, the competition remains capable of conjuring up stories from even the least promising of circumstances.

A large number of Bournemouth supporters had already made their presence felt when O'Kane let fly from 20 yards four minutes before the break.

The 22-year-old from Derry, who by dint of birth is one of those who appeared for both Northern Ireland and the Republic at Under-21 level, had been existing in relative obscurity.

That changed when the former Coleraine and Torquay man

advanced a couple of strides and drove a shot like an arrow into the top corner of Mike Pollitt's goal.

At 40 years and 11 months, Pollitt was becoming the second oldest player in Wigan history, behind Dave Beasant.

His failure to keep out O'Kane's strike had nothing to do with age though. The credit was all the Bournemouth man's, who raced away to celebrate, pursued by understandably ecstatic teammates.

The visitors, unbeaten in their previous 16 games under Ernie Howe, could claim to deserve their interval lead too.

Although clear cut chances were at a premium, they had largely succeeded in shutting down a lacklustre Wigan attack, with even Maynor Figueroa – one of only two men remaining from the team that started against Manchester United on New Year's Day – failing to threaten with a couple of trademark piledrivers.

Marc Pugh was a useful attacking outlet for a Bournemouth side lacking both David James and star man Brett Pitman.

And the winger thought he had won a penalty when he went down under the lunge of Wigan debutant Roman Golobart.

Much to Pugh's chagrin, referee Robert Madley did not agree, instead

booking him for diving.

Roberto Martinez was suitably unimpressed and introduced Henriquez at the break.

The 18-year-old is already a full Chile international and the excellent progress of Tom Cleverley during his loan spell with the Latics led Sir Alex Ferguson to believe Henriquez's talent could be developed under Martinez as well.

And within eight minutes, the young striker had hit the bar, ghosting to the near post where he met David Jones' free-kick with a firm contact that flicked over off the woodwork.

The Bournemouth crossbar was rattling again when Figueroa unleashed another brutal effort from 30 yards which Shwan Jalal could get nowhere near.

Having taken command, the hosts still required another controversial intervention by Madley to drag themselves level.

Madley was in no doubt Simon Francis hauled Figueroa over inside the six-yard box. TV replays showed he was correct.

But, yet again, Bournemouth were unanimous in their disagreement.

Gomez kept his cool throughout the rancour and was alert enough to tap the rebound into an empty net after Jalal had saved the midfielder's initial spot-kick.

## Sports Quiz

- 1 Ian Millward is the coach of which Super League club?
- 2 Which former Chelsea striker left Nottingham Forest this week?
- 3 Who is Britain's number-one male squash player?
- 4 How old is tennis player Laura Robson?
- 5 Who took the most Test wickets? Chaminda Vaas or Brett Lee?
- 6 At which course will the 2016 Ryder Cup be held?
- 7 The Hobart Hurricanes are currently competing in which competition?
- 8 In tennis, Denis Istomin is from which country?
- 9 England flanker Tom Croft, pictured above, plays for which club side?
- 10 Adrian Newey is the chief designer for which F1 team?
- 11 In which city was British female tennis player Laura Robson born?
- 12 What jersey number does Mario Balotelli wear for Manchester City?
- 13 Who captained the 2009 British & Irish Lions?
- 14 Who took the most Test wickets last year?
- 15 Name the player Paul Lawrie beat on the final day of last year's Ryder Cup?
- 16 Former England midfielder Joe Cole, pictured, spent last season on loan at which French club?
- 17 Nasir Jamshed plays international cricket for which country?
- 18 Former Australia rugby union coach Bob Dwyer also led which two English clubs during his career?
- 19 Takuma Sato and Anthony Davidson drove for which Formula One team in the 2007 and 2008 seasons?
- 20 Holland's Michael van Gerwen is a leading name in which sport?



## ANSWERS

1 Castelford; 2 Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink; 3 Nick Matthew; 4 18; 5 Vaas 355 (Lee 310); 6 Hazelrhine; 7 Cricket's Big Bash; 8 Uzbekistan; 9 Leicester Tigers; 10 Red Bull; 11 Melbourne; 12 45; 13 Paul O'Connell; 14 Ransana Herath (60); 15 Brand Snedeker; 16 Lille; 17 Pakistan; 18 Leicester and Bristol; 19 Super Aguri; 20 Darts.

## PARD LUCK STORY

Brighton 2 Newcastle 0

**BRIGHTON repeated last season's FA Cup heroics by dumping an under-strength Newcastle out of the competition with Andrea Orlandi supplying an outstanding opener at Amex Stadium.**

The first-half strike was born out of Wayne Bridge's willingness to chase a seemingly lost cause, but it was Orlandi's exquisite touch, turn and shoot that stole the show.

The Spanish playmaker was applauded by Brighton and Newcastle fans alike as he departed with half an hour to go having scored a goal that required repeat viewings to appreciate its brilliance.

The second was delivered by substitute Will Hoskins, who tucked home David Lopez's defence-splitting pass, as the npower Championship play-off hopefuls completed a comfortable win.

Apart from their FA Cup failure at the first hurdle - last year they lost to Brighton in the fourth round - Newcastle were further frustrated by captain Shola Ameobi's second-half sending off.

Ameobi was deeply unlucky to receive the second yellow from referee Lee Probert and will miss Saturday's match against Norwich, leaving manager Alan Pardew short of striking options with Papiss Cisse injured and Demba Ba having joined Chelsea.

A lifeless performance on the south coast will have added to the



OPENER: Brighton's Andrea Orlandi nets against Newcastle.

gloom at St James' Park and it was not until deep in the second half, after Ameobi had departed, that they showed any urgency.

Magpies boss Alan Pardew, left, who was without injured Papiss Cisse in a week which saw strike partner Demba Ba sold to Chelsea, said: "We are missing too many of our top players."

"The season we're having we just need to get our best players back.

"We need to sustain ourselves in that and make sure we are a Premier League team next season."

"That team (against Brighton) is a shadow of the team we can put out." Pardew hinted he might move in the transfer window to strengthen his injury-hit squad.

He said: "We know we need to get some bigger players who can handle the situation of carrying a Newcastle jersey, whether that's a signing or getting a player back from injury."

Brighton manager Gus Poyet paid tribute to his players.

"They realised the opportunity and we were lucky that Newcastle couldn't bring their best players," Poyet said.

"We didn't create too many chances today but we were a good team to play against a Premier League team."

Brighton goalscorer Will Hoskins added: "We did what we set out to do, play our way and not get fazed. It's a good result for us."





## BOOK of the WEEK

### AH'M TELLIN' THEE THE BIOGRAPHY OF TOMMY BANKS

By Ian Seddon

THERE are hundreds, if not thousands, of footballing 'autobiographies', the vast majority of which are ghost-written. There are some very rare examples of footballers writing their own autobiographies, one of the best being Phil Stant's "Oh Ah Stantona", but to your reviewer's knowledge, no ex-footballer's biography has ever been written by another former professional footballer. Until now.

Ian Seddon, who played for Bolton between 1969-73, eventually moving onto Chester and Cambridge before playing in Australia and Hong Kong, has written a particularly accomplished biography of former Bolton and England left back, Tommy Banks.

The author himself hails from just outside of Bolton and instinctively understands the tough conditions into which Banks was born (in a Bolton suburb) in 1929. The youngest of seven children, Tommy was raised during a time not just of permanent austerity, but of genuine poverty, the degree of which is incomprehensible today.

Seddon paints an evocative picture of the industrial north west where, for most working class men, a 55-hour week toiling down the pit or in a factory were life's only two options. For Tommy Banks, football offered a classic escape route.

A tough, versatile full back, he signed for Bolton in 1946 and would eventually establish a feared partnership with Roy Hartle, the team's right back. But that was following the intervention of National Service, where he was fortunate to become a PT instructor, which meant his most productive years at Burnden Park came between 1953-58.

Britons in the fifties were said to have 'never had it so good', although there wasn't much evidence of this in Bolton and certainly not amongst footballers. In 1953, Bolton's first team players earned an average of £14 a week at a time when average wages were £9 a week. It's not difficult to understand why players had greater affinity with the people who came to watch them play.

Yet aside from enjoying a fruitful career, winning the FA Cup in 1958 and playing half a dozen times for England, Tommy Banks, together with Jimmy Hill and Cliff Lloyd, played a pivotal role in the abolition of football's maximum wage.

This is a fascinating, well told story, occasional chunks of which are written in Bolton's strong dialect, although for those unfamiliar with this regional variation on the language, the author helpfully 'translates' into English.

#### QUIZ QUESTION:

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**Who did Bolton beat in the 1958 FA Cup final?**

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**CHAMP:** Bradley Wiggins was one of a number of sport stars to receive new year honours.

# Sporting superstars are deserving of honours...

**WITH the new year honours list awash with sport stars, much has been said about whether or not sport in general deserves so much attention.**

It's amusing that no sooner has London 2012 drifted off into the realms of memory then people have already forgotten the effect it had on all of us.

For a month our attention was kept by men and women on bikes and canoes and watching men with no legs run the 100 metres in times seconds less than those with two.

London 2012 was nothing short of phenomenal.

If I had my way every man and woman who won a medal would have got a gong.

Nowadays there's so little to inspire us. This time of recession and austerity means that unless something's cost effective it's of little importance when it comes to the money needed to support it.

It's hard to argue the case against it, when budgets are being cut and jobs are being lost, how can you argue the case for money to be invested in sport?



The answer is a simple one, if we can't find the money to invest in greatness what's the point in life? If you have nothing to aim for what's the point of our existence? Pay the bills? Run on on the treadmill? Play the system?

It's the moments of triumph against all odds that put a skip in everyone's stride, that make working not just bearable but enjoyable.

If you take away that, what is the point of your life? Passing the paperwork? Ticking the boxes? Paying your taxes?

If you take away sport or the arts, what is the point of your life? What raises your spirits? What's left to inspire you?

You may not play it, you may not be any good at it, but for the love of God you've got to see the importance of it.

On a more positive note, Saints remain a tough team to beat with hard fought draws away at Stoke

and at home to Arsenal.

The very fact that there are five teams with a worse goal difference than us now shows the huge improvement that has been made defensively by Nigel Adkins.

Pundits were rashly predicting a record amount of points, a record amount of goals conceded as Saints plummeted into obvious relegation.

The fact that we're within sniffing distance of the likes of Sunderland and Newcastle tells you all you need to know, survival is very much achievable.

Much depends on the January transfer window, as it has done over the last few years. Saints have been hit and miss over the January window since it began.

Recently we've acquired the likes of Billy Sharp, Tadanari Lee, Jose Fonte and Richard Chaplow to push us over the finishing line but let's not forget the forgettables: the likes of David Prutton,

Stephen Crainey, Lee Molyneux and, of course, the unholy mess of the 2004/2005 season that gave us Nigel Quashie, Jamie Redknapp, Olivier Bernard and Calum Davenport - I still have nightmares about Bernard and Davenport....

The point being that this year, probably more than the last three, Saints need to get the right men in.

A bit more steel in the midfield, a bit more pace, a bit of defensive cover and, please God, a reliable goalkeeper and Saints can look forward to Premiership football next season.

Get it wrong and, with QPR bound to spend big, it's going to be an even tougher end to the season.

Let's have a bit of faith in our chairman and manager and that the right men are brought in at the right price.

In the meantime I'm off to prepare myself for the inevitable clash of the reserves against Chelsea on Saturday.

One day we'll take the cups seriously but sadly I think we would have to be mathematically safe by Christmas for that to ever happen...



# Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football



## President Paine

THIS is the first column I have written since taking up the role of honorary president at Southampton Football Club.

I have already made it known to the supporters as a whole, as well as the readers of the *Daily Echo* and the *Sports Pink*, just what it means to me. But I think it is only appropriate that I do so again here.

It has been such an honour for me to take up the appointment and I have been so appreciative of the welcome you have all

given me. The reception I had on the pitch before the Arsenal game was magnificent.

To be able to share the moment with Jo and Jackie Bates was particularly special for me, having been brought up in the Ted Bates era.

The whole experience has been wonderful.

I was also given the opportunity to take a look at the club's training ground and academy this week. I was gobsmacked by what has been put in place.

It really is state-of-the-art, and it is great credit to the club for building facilities that will undoubtedly help them attract young talent, as well as senior players, to Southampton.

I have seen great improvement in the team since I was last over from my home in South Africa, in August, so I am hopeful that 2013 will be a great year for Saints.

On that note, I would like to wish all of you a Happy New Year and best wishes for the 12 months ahead.



TITLE: Terry Paine receives his honorary presidency from Jo and Jackie Bates before Saints' game with Arsenal.

## Brave gestures help fight against racism



TAKING A STAND: AC Milan's Kevin-Prince Boateng walks off the field after repeated racial chanting in his side's friendly clash with Pro Patria.

**FOOTBALL** needs the kind of action shown by AC Milan's Kevin-Prince Boateng this week if it is to properly tackle the issue of racism.

Boateng's decision to walk off the pitch in protest at the disgusting chants being aimed at him during a friendly at fourth division side Pro Patria was one of the bravest things I have seen from an individual player.

I certainly don't recall this ever happening before.

He should be applauded for standing up to such deplorable discrimination in this fashion, and so should his teammates for following him off the pitch in a show of support.

Boateng has brought the subject of racism back to the top of the agenda, and that is a good thing. It has to be dealt with.

Sadly, it is still very much a part of the game, and is something that has surfaced much more over the last year or 18 months than I imagined it would.

In England, I believe the work done to tackle racism in football has been first class. But, even here, we still have outbreaks of it.

It is, of course, a very difficult subject to tackle.

How you eradicate it, I honestly don't know. It is so difficult to stop one or two people in a crowd of 50,000 shouting something offensive.

Of course, you can and should

ban, and also fine, such individuals.

But some would like to see it taken further still, perhaps by deducting points from teams, or forcing matches to be played behind closed doors.

Is that too harsh on the clubs and the players, though?

These are very difficult questions to answer. A lot of it is down to education, and that is something that must be addressed.

What I also believe is important is that each association takes care of its own.

In that respect, it was encouraging to see the Italian FA come out so quickly with a very strong statement after the incident.

Hopefully they will swiftly back those words up now.

Umbrella organisations, such as UEFA, must also do more.

The decision of their disciplinary body to fine Serbia £65,000 in relation to the racist behaviour of some of their fans during their controversial under-21 game against England in October was too lenient, especially when you consider the organisation fined Nicklas Bendtner £80,000 for pulling down his shorts to reveal a betting company's logo on his underpants during Euro 2012.

It is good to see that UEFA has appealed the decision of its own disciplinary committee and seems keen on pursuing tougher sanctions for the Serbian incident.

## Bust ups are the norm in training

THE altercation between Manchester City's Roberto Mancini and Mario Balotelli has grabbed the headlines this week – but I'll bet there isn't a club out there that hasn't had an incident like that happen on their own training ground.

It certainly isn't the first time something like this has occurred, and it no doubt won't be the last, although it is perhaps a little unusual for a manager to become involved.

I think this is something that will have been blown slightly out of proportion.

Most incidents like this are kept secret, but this time there happened to be a photographer there to capture it – and what a coup that must have been for him.

Of course, the fact it happened at the champions' training ground, and involved a controversial player like Balotelli, pictured, means it is only going to be highlighted even more.

It actually appears, however, that it was Mancini who lost his temper and was perhaps the one who was more at fault.

Whatever the case, though, it certainly doesn't help the situation at City, and it undoubtedly looks bad.



## Lampard still has plenty to offer

LIKE all the Chelsea fans out there I imagine, it saddens me to think this could be Frank Lampard's last season at the club.

It seems the midfielder will be let go at the end of the campaign.

If that turns out to be true, then it smacks of ageism, because I don't see how you can justify it on his current form.

Lampard is such an asset. In my opinion, he has been the best midfield player in England over the last ten or 15 years in terms of what he gives his club.



He proved against Everton last week just how important, and talented, he remains. Take away the ten or 15 goals that he inevitably scores every season and it is a massive loss. Quite how Chelsea would replace him

I don't know.

Perhaps Chelsea just want a clean sweep and want to replace the old guard.

I could understand that if Lampard was only able to give them 20 minutes every week, but he is still performing at such a high level for them.

I think he has said he feels he has another two or three years left in him at the top – and I would agree with that.




It would be terribly sad for Chelsea's supporters if they lost him, and for the Premier League too if he is to depart at the end of this season.



# Saints Spotlight



## SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2012/13

																
<b>AUGUST</b>																
Sun 19 Man City	. . . . .A	L 2-3	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	Ward-Prowse**	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon***	Do Prado	Rodriguez**	Lambert* 1	S Davis** 1	Sharp***
Sat 25 Wigan	. . . . .H	L 0-2	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	S Davis*	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Do Prado	Rodriguez**	Lambert	W-Prowse*	Sharp**	
Tues 28 Stevenage (COC 2)	. . .A	W 4-1	Gazzaniga	Butterfield	Richardson	Seaborne	Shaw	Chaplow*	W-Prowse	Hammond**	Puncheon 1	Lee 1	Sharp*** 1	Reeves* 1	Chambers**	Hoskins***
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>																
Sun 2 Man United	. . . . .H	L 2-3	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	W-Prowse	Schneiderlin 1	S Davis	Puncheon*	Lallana***	Lambert** 1	Mayuka*	Do Prado**	Rodriguez***
Sat 15 Arsenal	. . . . .A	L 1-6	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld*	Fox 1	W-Prowse	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Puncheon	Lallana	Lambert***	Yoshida*	Ramirez**	Rodriguez***
Sat 22 Aston Villa	. . . . .H	W 4-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne 1	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox*	W-Prowse	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon** 1	Ramirez	Lambert 2	Richardson*	Mayuka**	W-Prowse***
Tues 25 Sheff Wed (COC 3)	. . .H	W 2-0	Gazzaniga	Richardson	Hooiveld	Yoshida	Seaborne	W-Prowse	Cork**	Chaplow	De Ridder	Do Prado*	Rodriguez*** 2	Reeves*	Robinson**	Hoskins***
Sat 29 Everton	. . . . .A	L 1-3	Gazzaniga	Richardson	Fonte	Yoshida	Clyne**	W-Prowse	S Davis	Lallana***	Rodriguez*	Ramirez 1	Lambert	Mayuka*	Reeves**	Chaplow***
<b>OCTOBER</b>																
Sun 7 Fulham	. . . . .H	D 2-2	Gazzaniga	Richardson*	Fonte 2	Yoshida	Fox	S Davis	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon**	Rodriguez	Lambert***	Hooiveld*	Chaplow**	Do Prado***
Sat 20 West Ham	. . . . .A	L 1-4	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Yoshida	S Davis***	Schneiderlin	Lallana 1	Puncheon**	Do Prado	Rodriguez*	Lambert*	Mayuka**	W-Prowse***
Sun 28 Tottenham	. . . . .H	L 1-2	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox***	Puncheon*	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Lallana	Rodriguez 1	Lambert	Mayuka*	Do Prado**	Reeves***
Tues 31 Leeds (COC 4)	. . . . .A	L 0-3	K Davis	Butterfield	Hooiveld	Seaborne	Reeves	W-Prowse	Chaplow	Do Prado	De Ridder**	Mayuka	Lee*	Shaw*	Isgrove**	
<b>NOVEMBER</b>																
Mon 5 West Brom	. . . . .A	L 0-2	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox***	Ramirez**	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Lallana	Rodriguez*	Lambert	Mayuka*	Do Prado**	Shaw***
Sat 10 Swansea	. . . . .H	D 1-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw*	Schneiderlin 1	Cork	Puncheon	Ramirez	Lallana	Lambert	Fox*		
Sat 17 QPR	. . . . .A	W 3-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw**	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon 1	Ramirez*	Lallana	Lambert*** 1	S Davis*	Fox**	Rodriguez***
Sun 25 Newcastle	. . . . .H	W 2-0	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw***	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon	Ramirez** 1	Lallana 1	Lambert*	Rodriguez*	S Davis**	Hooiveld***
Weds 28 Norwich	. . . . .H	D 1-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw*	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Lallana	Lambert 1	Reeves*	Rodriguez**	
<b>DECEMBER</b>																
Sat 1 Liverpool	. . . . .A	L 0-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork*	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Lallana	Lambert	S Davis*	Rodriguez**	
Sat 8 Reading	. . . . .H	W 1-0	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Puncheon 1	Schneiderlin	Cork	Lallana*	Rodriguez**	Lambert	Ramirez	Do Prado**	
Sat 22 Sunderland	. . . . .H	L 0-1	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Puncheon***	Schneiderlin**	Cork	Ramirez	Mayuka*	Lambert	De Ridder*	Do Prado**	Do Prado***
Weds 26 Fulham	. . . . .A	D 1-1	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon	S Davis*	Ramirez**	Lambert 1	Rodriguez*	Do Prado**	
Sat 29 Stoke	. . . . .A	D 3-3	K Davis	Yoshida	Fonte	Hooiveld	Shaw*	Puncheon**	Schneiderlin	Cork	Do Prado	Rodriguez 1	Lambert 1	Fox*	Richardson**	
<b>JANUARY</b>																
Tues 1 Arsenal	. . . . .H	D 1-1	Boruc	Cork	Fonte	Hooiveld	Shaw	Puncheon	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Do Prado***	Ramirez** 1	Lambert*	Rodriguez*	W-Prowse**	De Ridder***
Sat 5 Chelsea (FAC 3)	. . . . .H															
Sat 12 Aston Villa	. . . . .A															
Weds 16 Chelsea	. . . . .A															
Mon 21 Everton	. . . . .H															
Weds 30 Man United	. . . . .A															
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Sat 2 Wigan	. . . . .A															
Sat 9 Man City	. . . . .H															
Sat 23 Newcastle	. . . . .A															
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Sat 9 Norwich	. . . . .A															
Sat 16 Liverpool	. . . . .H															
Sat 30 Chelsea	. . . . .H															
<b>APRIL</b>																
Sat 6 Reading	. . . . .A															
Sat 13 West Ham	. . . . .H															
Sat 20 Swansea	. . . . .A															
Sat 27 West Brom	. . . . .H															
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Sat 4 Tottenham	. . . . .A															
Sun 12 Sunderland	. . . . .A															
Sun 19 Stoke	. . . . .H															

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KELVIN DAVIS	8	0	1	0	282	0
PAULO GAZZANIGA	9	0	2	0	11	0
ARTUR BORUC	3	0	0	0	3	0
NATHANIEL CLYNE	17	1	0	0	17	1
DANNY BUTTERFIELD	0	0	2	0	50(4)	0
FRAZER RICHARDSON	2(2)	0	2	0	57(10)	0
DANNY FOX	7(3)	1	0	0	46(7)	1
LUKE SHAW	10(1)	0	1(1)	0	11(3)	0
RYAN DICKSON	0	0	0	0	9	0
JOSE FONTE	20	2	0	0	135(1)	12
JOS HOOIVELD	6(2)	0	2	0	49(2)	8
MAYA YOSHIDA	16(1)	0	1	0	17(1)	0

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
JACK STEPHENS	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0
DAN SEABORNE	0	0	3	0	38(15)	0
STEVE DE RIDDER	0(2)	0	2	0	12(29)	4
RICHARD CHAPLOW	0(1)	0	3	0	50(12)	5
DEAN HAMMOND	0	0	1	0	130(15)	11
JACK CORK	10	0	1	0	77(8)	0
MORGAN SCHNEIDERLIN	19	2	0	0	149(28)	5
ADAM LALLANA	16	2	0	0	190(19)	49
STEVE DAVIS	11(6)	1	0	0	11(6)	0
JAMES WARD-PROWSE	4(4)	0	3	0	9(4)	1
JASON PUNCHEON	17	3	1	1	61(4)	7
GULY DO PRADO	5(6)	0	2	0	73(25)	22

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
RICKIE LAMBERT	18(2)	8	0	0	169(9)	96
JAY RODRIGUEZ	9(8)	2	1	2	10(8)	4
EMMANUEL MAYUKA	1(6)	0	1	0	2(6)	0
GASTON RAMIREZ	11(2)	3	0	0	11(2)	3
BILLY SHARP	0(2)	0	1	1	12(6)	10
TADANARI LEE	0	0	2	1	7(4)	2
SAM HOSKINS	0	0	0(2)	0	0(2)	0
CALUM CHAMBERS	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
BEN REEVES	0(3)	0	1(2)	1	4(9)	1
ANDY ROBINSON	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
LLOYD ISGROVE	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0

KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.



## Adam Rant

This week's big talking points  
with **Adam Leitch**

## TAKE ADVANTAGE!

**FOOTBALL'S authorities can stop diving if they really want to, but it will require a shift in thinking.**

The current mindset is just not credible. To try and pick out divers and book them as and when a referee spots it and hope that acts as a deterrent just doesn't work.

Gareth Bale is the latest player to shine a spotlight on this after several recent bookings for diving.

Some have looked fair enough, others highly debatable.

The problem is that the stick approach currently being taken needs to be replaced with the carrot.

The threat of a single yellow card if you are caught is absolutely nothing when compared with the possible benefit of diving, which is to win your team a penalty.

Quite simply, it is worth the risk.

And until that is changed you cannot really criticise the players for diving.

Of course yellow cards should still be brandished for blatant dives, but the vast majority of these decisions are borderline ones where a referee is trying to establish whether a player went down too easily

There IS one way to solve current diving dilemma

under contact or took advantage of a trailing leg to go over – or similar.

But you see it time and again where the reward for trying to stay on your feet is negligible.

A player gets a slight touch, stumbles about towards goal, gets in a shot slightly off balance that is saved and the advantage has been played and that's that.

Or perhaps they manage to off load the ball and, after two sharp passes in the area, it is cleared.

The alternative scenario is that, under the touch, the player simply throws himself to the ground and, in all probability, wins a penalty.

There is so little incentive for staying on your feet and that has to change if diving is to be stamped out.

If referees were given encouragement by the law makers to penalise infringements in the box more regularly, the type of things that

wouldn't be allowed elsewhere on the field, it would be a start.

But the more drastic and far more effective thing to do would be to allow referees a greater discretion with the use of the advantage rule in the penalty area.

For example, allow play to continue for up to eight seconds to see whether a player gains an advantage from staying on their feet and if not pull it back and award the penalty.

Once again, you are actually providing the incentive for players to stay on their feet.

If they believe that penalties will actually be awarded in such circumstances then they can effectively have two bites at the cherry to try and score.

At the moment all the blame seems to be laid at the doors of the players.

While diving is cheating and a horrible thing to have crept into our game, given the huge financial rewards on offer in football, the pressure on these guys to win games and the current rules, you can understand why it continues.

Right now lip service is being paid to sorting out the problem.

But if we are serious about stamping it out then something far more drastic needs to happen.

**NO DOUBT THIS TIME: Tottenham Hotspur's Gareth Bale (left) is fouled by Aston Villa's Fabian Delph (right) at Villa Park.**

## No doubt Taylor is a legend

AS A sport, darts may not be everybody's cup of tea but it must be recognised that Phil Taylor is one of the greatest English sporting champions of all time.

Clearly in the world of darts you are not going to judge such lofty merits in the same way as you would for say Bradley Wiggins or Jessica Ennis.

With those guys you are looking at their incredible physical feats, their sheer fitness level and determination to cross what seems like the impossible to drive themselves on to victory.

But by its very nature that is short lived – your body will only be able to achieve such things for a very limited period before age starts to diminish your physical abilities.

It rather goes without saying that darts is not so physically taxing.

So to judge the greatness of Taylor, pictured, it has to be on his impact, his skill and



his longevity.

His skill and his impact do kind of go hand-in-hand.

Taylor was an architect of the PDC, initially a somewhat uninspiring breakaway darts organisation but now one that can boast that it has revitalised the sport with virtually all the best players in the world and can attract millions of TV viewers and 15,000 strong crowds.

Taylor and his brilliance has been a driving force behind that, holding the whole thing together when in the early days it wasn't as competitive, allowing it the time to grow to what it is now.

His skill has driven up the interest and the standard to the point where the top guys are almost unimaginably good.

His longevity is also not in question – as 16 world titles proves.

To be that consistent for that long at anything is a remarkable achievement. To still be winning world titles in your 50s, in something now so incredibly competitive, is staggering.

Say what you like about darts, but Taylor is a home-made sporting legend.

## Walking off won't work if racists win

KEVIN-PRINCE Boateng's decision to walk off the pitch following racist abuse while playing in a friendly for AC Milan was a brave and symbolic gesture but is ultimately not the way to tackle racism in football.

That Milan didn't come back on and the game was cancelled has

highlighted the problem around the world, and particularly in Italy where racism is a big cultural issue.

Boateng's actions were justifiable and highly commendable.

However, as with most things that happen in a football crowd, they are a symptom of society in general.

This walk off has proved a big talking point, but the sad truth of the matter is that football will not stop it happening without society changing too.

Football can help be a driving force in that direction, but walking off the pitch every time it happens

would risk empowering the racists and that is just about the worst thing you can do with these people.

■ So Roberto Mancini and Mario Balotelli didn't have a fight.

Perhaps it was just the angle the pictures were taken from.



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An incident in a Totton v Bideford match

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# Non-league Action

**Sydenhams League Premier Division: Alresford Town 3 Lymington Town 0**

## QUICK-FIRE BENTLEY SPEEDS MAGPIES TO VICTORY



**OPENER:** Warren Bentley, centre, celebrates putting Alresford ahead. Order no: 15704924

**ALRESFORD** Town began the new year by maintaining the pressure on the Sydenhams Wessex Premier top three, winning their first league game for a month.

The Magpies bounced back from defeat at Hamworthy United three weeks ago and a spate of postponements by beating lowly Lymington Town 3-0 at Arlebury Park.

Warren Bentley scored twice in three minutes midway through the first half to set up the win.

He had already had a header saved by Lymington goalkeeper Stuart Williamson when he slotted the home side into a 21st minute lead.

Following a slick exchange of passes with strike partner Mike McEnery, one of the goal-scorers in Alresford's 4-0 win at

**Simon Walter**  
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Lymington in the reverse fixture four months ago, BENTLEY found the bottom corner from just inside the penalty area.

Lymington responded with their best effort of the first half, Luke Ansell heading against the crossbar from inside the six-yard box.

But within a minute Alresford increased their lead when BENTLEY found the top corner from the penalty spot.

Jon Huggins brought down Dominic Cope and Bentley did the rest.

Alresford could easily have had more before the break. Dan Strange put a free header wide, Williamson palmed a McEnery strike aside and then the Lymington goalkeeper denied

Strange from point-blank range.

Just before the break McEnery, who scored twice in Alresford's 4-0 league cup win at US Portsmouth a week before Christmas, hit the base of a post with only the keeper to beat in the final minute of the first half.

Six minutes into the second half, Strange missed the target with another free header and Bentley curled another effort over the bar.

Strange went close again on the hour, only to be denied by a goal-line clearance from Lymington substitute Anthony-Wright, one of three changes made by visiting manager Andy Leader at the break.

Mid-way through the second half, Alresford goalkeeper Steve Phillips made his first save of note, denying Lymington substitute R Sen.

But a minute later COPE scored Alresford's third, powering in a left-footed strike that was too strong for Williamson's right hand from inside the penalty area.

With his first touch after coming on for his Alresford debut, Adam George began a move that ended with Lymington's James Fry clearing off the line.

With ten minutes to go, George fired narrowly wide and Alresford also went close to a fourth through Ashley Ledger, who put a free header over the bar, and Bentley, who was denied a hat-trick by a good defensive block before skidding a free kick just past the upright.

Alresford's first league game for three weeks was also their first of three in six days ahead of Tuesday's trip to local rivals Alton Town and Friday's trip to Totton & Eling.

## Stags hit for six

**EVOSTIK PREMIER DIVISION**  
**Chesham United 6 AFC Totton 0**

TOTTON capitulated to an embarrassing defeat today at Chesham's Meadow as they had no answer to home striker Simon Thomas who completed a second consecutive hat-trick inside a week, **writes KERRY MILLER.**

It exposed Totton's fragile defence and away form which has given boss Steve Riley plenty to think about.

Missing Mike Gosney, pictured right, and Ryan Hill at either end of the pitch, the Stags began with Dave Allen and Richard Gillespie up front but it was Baily Cargill, who slotted into the Gosney role, who almost put his side ahead inside five minutes when his header from a corner was cleared off the line.

Sadly, that was as good as it got for the visitors as Thomas put Chesham ahead on 13 minutes when his cross shot was helped in

by a combination of Chris Mason and keeper Gareth Barfoot.

The influential wing back John Kyriacou then had an effort tipped over by Barfoot before, in a rare attack, Richard Gillespie escaped and curled a left footer just wide.

The visitors' midfield was found wanting again just past the half hour as Thomas made it 2-0 from another scramble and within six minutes it was 3-0 as Chesham again broke through the centre and Inih Effiong made the most of the space to knock in the free ball off the post.

Totton had little chance to shine up front although Cargill had a shot deflected wide and a lob go over and with the last play of the half Gillespie's shot was blocked.

Any hopes of a comeback disappeared five minutes after the restart as James Potton's effort was too hot for Barfoot to handle with Thomas following up,

although the linesman had already signalled the fourth goal.

Mason was replaced by Jamie Rudd with Dave Allen dropping back but after Cargill and Whisken had both seen efforts saved from corners, Kyriacou again cruised down the line and slung over a cross for Thomas to complete his hat-trick.

Luke Whitley could have done better when he volleyed over from six yards but by then it mattered little as Chesham could afford to take off Thomas to a standing ovation.

Riley made a double change on the hour throwing on Luke Roberts and Matt Oldring but Chesham continued to roar forward and with 15 minutes left Dave Fotheringham's drive was deflected past Barfoot by the unfortunate Oldring.

Totton's woe was complete ten minutes from time when Dave Allen was carried to the dressing room.

## Moss leaves Hawks



**FORMER AFC Totton, Bashley and Dorchester Town striker Ryan Moss has parted company with Havant & Waterlooville by mutual consent.**

Having signed a short-term deal with Totton last February, Moss, above, played his part in helping the Stags to the Southern Premier play-off final.

He joined Havant during the summer, following in the footsteps of ex-Totton boss Stuart Ritchie and sponsor Jim Fallon in the move from the Testwood Stadium to Westleigh Park.

But Ritchie lost his job just six weeks into the campaign and, with Fallon also taking his leave from the Blue Square Bet South club, Moss is the latest ex-Stag to move on as Ritchie's successor Lee Bradbury continues to reshape his side.

After a promising pre-season, Moss scored just twice for the Hawks in competitive matches – a brace in the 2-2 draw against Weston-super-Mare in November. He made nine starts for the Hawks.

An H&W statement said: "The club would like to wish Ryan all the best for the future and hope he remembers his time at the club with great fondness."

Also on the move from Havant is ex-Eastleigh midfielder Tony Taggart, who, with a new job in the pipeline, wants to pursue his career closer to his London

home – Hampton & Richmond Borough being his likely destination.

The winger – affectionately known as the Flying Binman – starred in the headline-hitting Hawks side that reached the FA Cup fourth round in 2008.

He returned to Westleigh Park this season after a three-year absence, adding a further 25 appearances to his previous tally of 121.

"Tony is short-ly to start a new job and would struggle to fulfil his travelling and training commitments to the Hawks," said a club spokesman. "He leaves with a heavy heart after a superb career, culminating in an appearance at Anfield in the fourth round of the FA Cup."

"The club wish him all the best for his future." Havant, meanwhile, have exercised their right to recall midfielder Harvey Whyte from loan with Ryman Premier neighbours Bognor Regis Town.

A product of the Hawks academy, Whyte broke his leg in training in autumn 2010 and has been gaining fitness and first-team experience during a three-month stay with the Rocks.

Havant had a mixed festive week. Having beaten Eastbourne Borough 1-0 in Sussex on Boxing Day, they succumbed 3-2 to ex-Saint Tommy Widdrington's side in the New Year's Day return.

**Bromley 3 Eastleigh 1**  
EASTLEIGH slipped into the Blue Square South relegation zone after their defeat at Bromley.

Eastleigh made four changes to the starting line-up from Tuesday with Osei Sankofa, Mark Hughes, Lee Peacock and Andy Forbes coming into the team.

They took the lead in the third minute when Damian Scannell was fouled and JAI REASON scored the resulting penalty.

However, in the 27th minute Bromley drew level when ALI FUSEINI scored with a powerful shot from just outside the area.

Moments earlier Eastleigh goalkeeper Ross Flitney made a good save to keep the home team out.

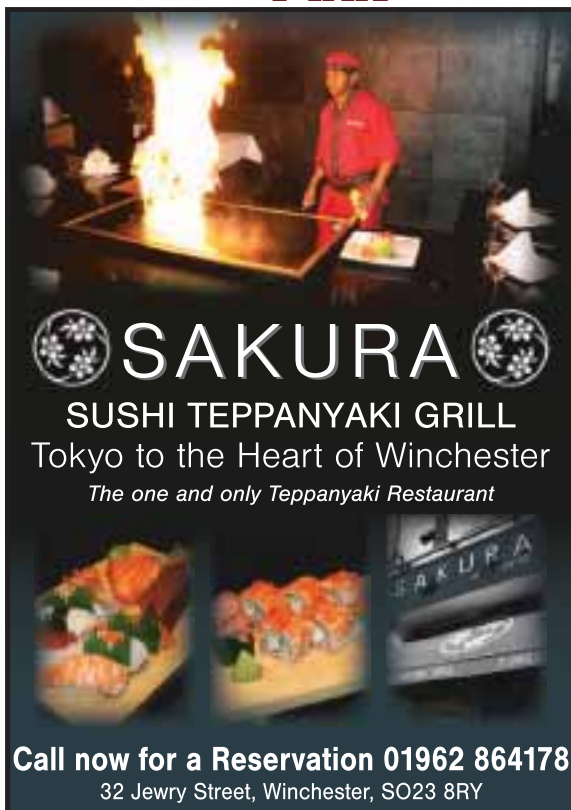
Before half-time both teams had their attacking moments with Andy Forbes going close following a cross from Adam Everitt. Half-time:

In the 47th minute PIERRE JOSEPH-DUBOIS scored a diving header from a cross from Marlon Patterson. After that Richard Pacquette and Louie Theophanous had shots saved for their respective sides.

But in the 60th minute THEOPHANOUS scored his team's third goal after being set a simple task when a corner was not cleared.

Although Lee Peacock had a header cleared off the line, Ross Flitney was the busier of the goalkeepers as Bromley played with much greater cohesion during the game.





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# Non-league Football



## Title boost in the Cann

DAN Cann is set to provide a timely boost to Poole Town's promotion push.

The influential frontman, pictured above, has yet to kick a ball this season after undergoing major knee surgery during the summer.

But he is on schedule to join the Dolphins' Southern One South & West title tilt by making a comeback early in the new year.

With prolific former AFC Totton striker Michael Charles having recently been recruited from Winchester City, Poole boss Tom Killick hinted that Cann's imminent return would make further recruitment far less likely.

But he would never say never, commenting: "At the moment, I am certainly not actively looking for new players, but if I have the opportunity to improve us, I would still probably try to do it."

Warren Byerley was the star of the Dolphins' 2-0 away win over Dorset rivals Wimborne Town on New Year's Day.

The dual-signed Dorchester Town frontman bagged a brace in the 11th and 64th minutes to keep the pressure on league leaders Hungerford.

Charles was a menace all afternoon and missed a gilt-edged chance to make it 3-0 after linking up well with Byerley.

## Gong time for Wings

WELLING United's Jamie Day has won the Blue Square Bet South manager-of-the-month award for the second month running.

The Wings won all four of their December league games, kicking off with a 3-1 victory at Eastleigh, as they continued their pursuit of Salisbury City at the summit.

Day's charges also made it through to the FA Trophy third round, taking another BSB Premier scalp with a win at Woking.

The player-of-the-month award also went Welling's way – striker Kiernan Hughes-Mason the recipient.

## More than 1,000 back Alton survival bid

UNDER-THREAT Alton Town are gaining support in their bid to keep the club alive.

The Brewers are under notice to vacate their Coors Sports Ground home at the end of the season and are doing everything in their power to get local people and the non-League football community behind them.

Well over 1,000 people have signed an online petition urging landlords Molson Coors to re-engage with Alton Town Council and East Hampshire District planners to find a site for a new stadium while allowing the club to stay put at Anstey Road until the situation is resolved.

"We are delighted at the continued

level of support from far and wide and particularly encouraged by the consistency of messages stressing the heritage of the club and its valuable place in the community," said chairman Jim McKell.

The club have had meetings with Alton Town Council and the Hampshire FA and their predicament will be discussed by the management committees of the Sydenhams Wessex and Wyvern Leagues.

A 'Save Alton Town' poster has been produced and it is hoped that clubs from all leagues, from the Blue Square Conference down to Step Five, will print it in their matchday programme to assist with

the campaign.

The present Alton club was formed in 1990 when the town's two senior teams, Alton Town and Bass Alton, amalgamated.

They achieved promotion to the Wessex ranks by topping the Hampshire League Premier Division in 2002.

For more information about the campaign go to the club website at [altontownfc.com](http://altontownfc.com).

The Brewers will host Alresford Town in a re-arranged Premier Division fixture this Tuesday (January 8). The game had been due to take place on December 27 but was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

# NEW RECRUITS EARN THEIR TOWN STRIPES

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## NEW Milton Town's new recruits have given the club fresh hope of escaping the Sydenhams Premier danger zone.

Danny Cox and Callum Holloway were both on target as the Linnets followed up their 2-0 Boxing Day win at Lymington Town with an excellent 2-2 draw at high-flying Moneyfields.

Cox, two-goal hero of the Lymington win, again came up trumps at Dover Road, cancelling out ex-Saint Bobby Scott's opener for Moneys.

The former AFC Totton and Sholing utility man, snapped up from Winchester City, rocked the high-riding hosts with a 20-yard stunner.

Jack Slater restored Moneyfields' lead, but Holloway – a youngster dual-registered with Eastleigh reserves – bounced off the bench to salvage a point following good work by the Linnets' other recent Winchester acquisition Adam 'Taz' Roberts.

Delighted player-manager Darren Curtis said: "The work-rate was superb and we matched Moneyfields in every department."

"We fully deserved our point and I was a little disappointed we didn't win."

"Four points from two games is a great return, but there is still a long way to go."

"We are in a relegation battle and we need to keep picking up points on a consistent basis."

"The signs have been encouraging, but we need to keep it going and keep moving forward."

New Milton secretary Rich Phippard is delighted with the impact Southampton-based Cox has



**IMPACT:** Danny Cox, left.

had on the side.

He said: "Danny was with us before, during Paul Masters' and Andy Bye's time in charge, and him coming in has made a big difference."

"Coxy's given us just what we need – someone who can score goals."

Curtis agreed: "In Dan Cox and Taz Roberts we have brought in two good players and they have both made a big difference."

"They are going to play an important role for us. They keep the ball well and that had been one of our problems in recent games."

"Dan brings others into play and Taz runs at players and gets quality balls into the box."

New Milton had been due to visit Newport IoW on Wednesday, but the St George's Park pitch was still waterlogged.

## Non-league News

**Ken sends himself off**  
**BOURNEMOUTH Poppies boss Ken Vaughan took the unusual step of banishing himself from the dugout in protest at Richard Jackson's controversial sending-off against Hamworthy United on Boxing Day.**

Former Hammers defender Jackson received a straight red card for a foul on Ryan Murray – a decision branded "mindless" by Vaughan, pictured, in the wake of Poppies' 2-1 home win.

However, rather than run the risk of following Jackson into referee Tony Welsh's bad

books, Vaughan vacated his technical area and watched the rest of the game from behind the railings.

"We all make mistakes, but it was a terrible decision," he said.

"The referee said it was a two-footed tackle, but Richard had both feet on the ground. He slid in and kicked the ball almost out of the ground before the referee decided to send him off."

"I was fuming. The referee came over to talk to me and told me he would send me off as well if I didn't calm down. I told him I didn't want to talk to him."

"I told him he wouldn't have to send me off because I was going to send myself off and jumped over the barrier."

**Beasant joins Town**  
**GOALKEEPER Sam Beasant – son of ex-Wimbledon and Saints stopper, Dave – has joined Blue Square Bet South club Billericay Town on a permanent deal following his release from Woking.**

**Ken calls it a day**  
**FAREHAM Town's popular physio Ken Bryant has retired from senior football.**

"My intention was to see the season out but, with my involvement with Gosport's under-14s on Sundays, I can no longer devote whole weekends to football," he explained.

"I've enjoyed my time in senior football and made some good friends. I will turn up at a few matches here and there but, as I will be getting my football fix on a Sunday, I will resist being drawn back into the fold – unlike the last time I tried to quit!"



# Non-league Football

## DEFENSIVE DUTIES SUIT MATTHEWS

**Striker enjoying back line switch**

**HE made his name as a strapping striker with Salisbury, Eastleigh and Kidderminster Harriers.**

But these days 30-year-old Robbie Matthews is loving life in the heart of the Salisbury City defence.

The towering targetman only got his first taste of defensive duties in pre-season but now favours his adopted role.

"As a centre-forward you can easily switch off, but there's no doing that in defence," said the one-time Saints trialist.

"You've got to be switched on all the time. If you make one mistake you will cost the team a goal."

But while Matthews has had to be more mentally tuned-in as a defender, physically he has found it slightly less strenuous.

### 'EASIER ON THE LEGS'

"I find it easier on the legs," he said. "I'm not saying I'm too old or unfit, but I've really enjoyed it."

"From my experience, I prefer it at the back. But the gaffer sometimes says 'don't get too comfortable' because he may need me up front."

"It's good we've got players who can play in different positions and we've done all right."

Matthews, though, predicts that things will get tougher for the Blue Square Bet South leaders as 2013 unfolds.

"I think a lot of teams will pick up momentum in the second half of the season," he said.

"We're full-time and we've hit it off from the start, whereas the part-time clubs/footballers are starting to get fitter now."

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"The second half will no doubt be harder."

"We've had a great start, but there have still been some games when we've shot ourselves in the foot."

"You always want more."

Salisbury boss Darrell Clarke believes it inevitable his table-topping side will hit a bumpy patch at some point, but he won't be resting on his laurels after kicking off the new year with Tuesday's 5-3 home win over Eastleigh.

"There's a possibility January could be a busy transfer month," he said.

"It will be handy if we can sign one or two players to help improve the squad, which will be a plus."

"But at some point we're going to have a bad run."

"I hope we don't, but realistically teams do experience a bad run and it's about how you bounce back and recover."

Despite Salisbury losing just three times away all season, Clarke believes his side could have improved on the 45 points they had banked prior to this weekend.

"I know it's strange, but when I reflect on the 20 games we've played, I think we could have had more points on the board," he said.

"We've deserved to have won every game and I'm a little bit disappointed in the matches we've lost."

"Perhaps I'm being a little bit greedy, but we could have earned a few more points."



**GOAL GETTER TO GOAL STOPPER:**  
Robbie Matthews.

## Non-league News

### Cuss hails Hubbard

**WIMBORNE** Town boss Steve Cuss has saluted the set-piece skills of Micky Hubbard.

The dead-ball ace, pictured below, struck twice in the Magpies' 4-1 Boxing Day triumph at Winchester City – their biggest away win of the season in the Southern One South & West – having teed up the first for Steve Smith to head home.

"Micky wants to take the free-kicks and penalties and has done tremendously well with them this season," said Cuss.

"To score 12 times before the turn of the year is a fantastic effort."

"Taking penalties is a pressure situation for any player, but Micky steps up and never hides."

"His delivery from corners and free-kicks is excellent."

"He works hard and practises them a lot and, if you do that, you will get your rewards."

"He has also been playing well, so I am delighted with him."

Hubbard, however, drew a New Year's Day blank against his old club Poole, who triumphed 2-0 in front of a bumper 726 Cuthbury crowd – brace man Warren Byerley inflicting the damage.

### Phil's best signing

**PHIL** Simkin believes his Dorchester Town assistant Stuart Heath possesses all the qualities to become a first-class manager.

Simkin snapped up Heath from Portland United during the summer after his former right-hand man Gary Borthwick had stepped down.

And the Magpies boss, who has been absent recently for personal reasons, feels he couldn't have left his Blue Square Bet South charges in better hands.

"Stuart has taken to the job like a duck to water," he said. "He is a very good coach, a top lad and very popular in the club."

"Stuart was the best signing I made last summer, really top notch."

"He's still only in his late 30s, so he's quite young."

"He was a great success at Portland and I'm sure he would do very well as a manager."



**DARRELL CLARKE**

## Head strong City

**DARRELL** Clarke felt mental strength played a key part in Salisbury City's hectic 5-3 New Year's Day win over Eastleigh.

The Whites went in 3-3 at the break having twice let slip a two-goal lead, but second half goals from Dan Fitchett and substitute Charles Ademeno were enough to protect their two-point cushion at the Blue Square Bet South summit.

"What a great derby," said Clarke. "I was obviously disgruntled with the

goals we conceded, but I didn't have a pop at the boys at half-time."

"I had to make sure that mentally they were prepared for the second half as I knew we could score goals. It was just a case of defensively doing our job right."

Having sped into a two-goal lead through ex-Saint Jamie White and Theo Lewis, Salisbury conceded a James Clarke own goal before White struck again.

But Eastleigh showed great character

to level before the break through debutant Richard Pacquette and a stunning Jai Reason strike.

Both sides had chances after the break but, while Eastleigh hit the woodwork through substitute Lee Peacock, it was Salisbury's full-timers who made their finishing count.

"It was a strange game, but the mental strength of our players is fantastic," said Clarke. "The belief's there and has been for 20 games."

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### LEADING SCORERS

(Up to and including January 1)

#### BLUE SQUARE BET SOUTH

13	.....Jamie White (Salisbury City)
11	.....Ben May (Dover Athletic)
11	.....Ollie Palmer (Havant & Waterlooville)
10	.....Billy Bricknell (Dover Athletic)
9	.....Frannie Collin (Tonbridge Angels)
9	.....Reece Connolly (Farnborough)
9	.....Ross Lafayette (Welling Utd)
9	.....Delano Sam-Yorke (Basingstoke Town)
9	.....Tim Sills (Basingstoke Town)
8	.....Nic Giardini (Farnborough)
8	.....Dan Fitchett (Salisbury City)
8	.....Kiernan Hughes-Mason (Welling Utd)
8	.....Kudus Oyenuga (Hayes & Yeading)
8	.....Jai Reason (Eastleigh)
8	.....Louie Theophanis (Bromley)
7	.....Moses Ademola (Dover Athletic)
7	.....Kieffer Moore (Truro City)
7	.....Glenn Poole (Billericay Town)
7	.....David Pratt (Maidenhead Utd)
7	.....Omer Riza (Boreham Wood)

#### EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

##### Premier Division

17	.....Justin Bennett (Gosport Borough)
15	.....John Frendo (Hitchin Town)
14	.....Richard Gillespie (AFC Totton)
14	.....Ben Mackey (St Neots Town)
14	.....Matt Nolan (Hemel Hempstead)
12	.....David Pearce (Hemel Hempstead)
12	.....Craig Hammond (Cambridge City)
11	.....Charles Mpi (Hemel Hempstead)
11	.....Drew Roberts (Arlesey Town)
11	.....Lewis Toomey (St Albans City)
10	.....Ben Joyce (Weymouth)
10	.....Mark Ford (Weymouth)
9	.....Jamie Towers (Barwell)
9	.....Alan Griffin (Chippenhams)

##### Division One South & West

17	.....Joe Bushin (Tiverton Town)
15	.....Mark Draycott (Hungerford Town)
14	.....Ashley Edenborough (Sw Supermarine)
13	.....John Mills (North Leigh)
12	.....Marcus Palmer (Evesham)
12	.....Joshua Parsons (Swindon Supermarine)
11	.....Micky Hubbard (Wimborne Town)
11	.....Michael Charles (Poole Town)
10	.....Luke Hopper (Hungerford Town)
10	.....Simon Ingram (Taunton Town)

#### SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE

##### Premier Division

19	.....Craig Feeney (Totton & Eling)
18	.....Simon Woods (AFC Portchester)
17	.....Nic Turpin (Downton)
16	.....Aleks Przepolewski (Newport IoW)
13	.....Warren Bentley (Aldershot Town)
12	.....Russell Cook (Christchurch)
12	.....Steve Harding (Aldershot Town)
12	.....Simba Mlambo (Alton Town)
11	.....Zach Glasspool (Aldershot Town)
11	.....Scott Joyce (Bournemouth Poppies)
10	.....Alex Baldacchino (Blackfield & Langley)
10	.....Steve Hutchings (Moneyfields)
10	.....Eddie Perrett (Bemerton HH)
9	.....Dannyn Finnigan (Downton)
9	.....Ben Osborne (Christchurch)

##### Division One

19	.....Sam Knowles (Fleet Spurs)
17	.....Gareth Bricknell (COWES Sports)
17	.....Jason Graham (Tadley Calvea)
14	.....Callum Coker (Petersfield Town)
11	.....Declan Edwards (Team Solent)
11	.....Dan Sloan (Pewsey Vale)
10	.....Matt Evans (East Cowes Vics)
10	.....Pete Lines (US Portsmouth)
10	.....Michael Martin (Pewsey Vale)
9	.....Tom Chillery (Fleet Spurs)
9	.....Brett Denham (Tadley Calvea)
9	.....Darren Williams (COWES Sports)
8	.....Mark Robinson (US Portsmouth)

#### PUMA ENGINEERING HPL

##### Senior Division

20	.....Jordan Neal (Locks Heath)
20	.....Ryan Lock (Locks Heath)
18	.....Dave Reading (AFC Stoneham)
16	.....Elliot Sills (Clanfield)
13	.....Gavin King (Sporting Bishops Waltham)
11	.....John Cole (Golden Common)
9	.....Ryan Angear (Liphook Utd)

##### Combination Division

14	.....Jamie Wrapsom (Fleetlands)
12	.....Joshua Ramsay (Golden Common)
11	.....Chris Sales (Locks Heath)
10	.....Jayda Chitware (Golden Common)
10	.....Matthew Passmore (Paulsgrove)
9	.....Aaron Smith (Locks Heath)
9	.....Paul Smith (Paulsgrove)



**Browne-d off**

**MANAGER Simon Browne, above, was left to rue a host of missed first-half chances as Hamworthy United were held 2-2 at home by AFC Portchester in the Sydenhams Premier on Monday.**

Goals from Greg Horlock and Joe Shovelton saw the Hammers race 2-0 up inside the opening 13 minutes, but their cutting edge deserted them for the remainder of the half.

They were made to pay when, for the second time this season, they shipped two own goals.

Steve Walker and Ryan Murray were the luckless pair on this occasion and Browne admitted afterwards: "It was a sickener, but these things happen."

"We dominated the first half and were by far the better team."

"If I was being hyper-critical, we didn't win because we didn't take our chances."

"As well as the two we scored, we had three or four other gilt-edged chances to kill them off."

"We should have put the game to bed in the first half."

"The third goal was always going to be important and it gave them a lifeline when they got it."

"They were probably the better side in the second half, but we should have had it wrapped up by half-time."

# FRIENDS REUNITED

**Familiar faces help Pacquette settle in at Eastleigh**

**RICHARD Pacquette needed no introduction when he arrived at Eastleigh last month.**

The well-travelled striker may not have known manager Richard Hill prior to signing for the Spitfires, but he was welcomed into the dressing room by a bevy of familiar faces.

Having achieved national fame as the man who fired Havant & Waterlooville into a shock 1-0 FA Cup lead against Liverpool at Anfield in 2008, Pacquette knows all about Eastleigh's former Hawks skipper Tom Jordan.

His London travelling partners Osei Sankofa, Damian Scannell and Mitchell Nelson are all either friends or former teammates, but the player he goes back furthest with is winger Dale Binns, pictured below, who he first met in his youth football days.

"I've known Dale since the age of ten," revealed Pacquette, who turns 30 later this month.

"We played for the same Sunday side, Sudbury Court, although Dale's slightly older than me, so he was in the year above."

Based in west London near Ladbroke Grove, Pacquette is one of a growing band of Eastleigh players who travel down from the capital by train.

"There are four of us – me, Damian, Osei and Mitchell – who get the train down from Waterloo," he said. "It takes about an hour and a half and we usually get the Nintendo out and play Mario Kart," he smiled.

"I knew Mitchell from Eastbourne Borough when he came (on loan) from AFC Bournemouth."

"I knew Osei through a mutual friend and it's the same with Damian Scannell who I also knew from Fisher."

Prior to signing for Eastleigh from Blue Square Bet South rivals Bromley in mid-December, Pacquette had

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never met Spitfires boss Hill.

But having been around the Football League and the upper echelons of the Non-League game for more than a decade, it was inevitable he knew the former QPR, Aston Villa and Wycombe Wanderers assistant boss by reputation.

"I didn't know Richard Hill before I came to Eastleigh but I'd heard of him from a few of the places he's coached at," he said.

"He's got a good pedigree and I knew he'd been to watch me a few times."

"I've been at Eastleigh for three or weeks now and I've really enjoyed the training."

With the wet weather playing havoc over Christmas, Pacquette had a long wait for his debut at league leaders Salisbury on Tuesday.

Unfortunately the Spitfires were beaten 5-3 by the league leaders having fought back to 3-3 at half-time. But Pacquette at least got his name on the scoresheet after what had been a difficult week in his family life.

"I lost my stepdad, Fred, over Christmas. He was only 68 and it all happened very quickly," he explained. "Mentally I had to get myself right and I'd prepared myself to play against Havant, but that one was called off."

"It was hard at Salisbury, but I got through it OK."

"Before the game your mind's adrift sometimes, but I knew my stepdad would have wanted me to play."

"He used to say to me 'make sure you go out and score' so I did and I was delighted with that."

"We know we could have done better defensively, but the positive thing is that we scored three goals away from home. I know we can improve."



**RICHARD PACQUETTE**

## Bristow bolsters Town attack

**RELEGATION-BATTLING** Basingstoke Town have bolstered their attacking options by signing former Havant & Waterlooville, Woking and Maidenhead striker Manny Williams.

The 31-year-old has joined the Camrose crew on a non-contract basis, having spent the start of this season with Blue Square Bet South rivals Hayes & Yeading United.

Williams started out with Notts County and Millwall but made his name with Maidenhead, scoring 30 goals during 2007/08 and earning a move to Woking at the end of that season.

The Sierra Leone-born frontman changed clubs again the following summer and netted 24 goals in his first year with Havant before leaving in June 2011, unable to agree a new contract.

Basingstoke boss Jason Bristow said: "Manny has had a lot of clubs but has

scored wherever he has been. Hopefully he can repeat that here."

"He's an excellent striker and a good finisher. He is somebody I played against, so I know what he is about."

"Scoring goals has been a bit of a problem for us in the last few weeks, so it's nice to have another option."

Williams is something of a 'fox in the box' who specialises in being in the right place at the right time to score.

"He's a bit of a poacher," said Bristow.

"His movement is good and he knows where the goal is."

"We've got players who create things and do good work in the build-up, but Manny's the sort of guy who will hopefully nick a few goals."

With Tim Sills and Delano Sam-Yorke established as Town's first-choice front two, Williams may have to settle for a place on the bench to start with – but

Bristow is not ruling out playing all three strikers together.

"There are going to be games where we play 4-3-3, so they could all play together," he said. "It's something to look at, but we will take it game by game."

Williams made his debut as a second-half substitute in Town's 2-1 Boxing Day defeat at Farnborough – a loss that they handily avenged on New Year's Day with a 6-2 rout of their north Hampshire neighbours at the Camrose Ground.

The new signing again came off the bench, replacing Stoke's four-goal hero Sam-Yorke.

On an incredible afternoon of football, Stoke trailed 1-0 at the break, but packed six goals into a crazy 15-minute spell after the break.

"After the first goal there was suddenly a confidence and belief that we could go on and get more," said a delighted Bristow.



**SIGNING: Jason Bristow.**

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# Non-league Football



ALEX PIKE

## Pike riled by Gray's 'cheap shot'

GOSPORT Borough boss Alex Pike accused Bashley counterpart Frank Gray of a "cheap shot" after Tuesday's Southern Premier grudge match ended all square, 1-1, at Bashley Road, writes Andy Mitchell.

It was the first meeting between the local rivals since the phantom goal incident in September that prevented Bash

from winning a lucrative FA Cup replay at Privett Park.

Bash deservedly led the New Year's Day clash at half-time through Mark Gamble's close-range header.

After the break Borough battled back to dominate possession and equalised through Justin Bennett with just seven minutes left to play, making it ten league

games unbeaten for Pike's men.

But former Leeds, Nottingham Forest and Scotland left-back Gray lit the blue touch paper when he told the Pink's sister paper The (Bournemouth) Echo afterwards: "The FA Cup may have been on the players' minds, but we acquitted ourselves well and, after playing them four times this season, we feel they

haven't actually beaten us yet."

The comment prompted Pike to respond: "These things happen in football and, to be honest, from an ex-professional like Frank, I think that is a bit of a cheap shot."

"Everyone could see it was two points dropped today. We kept asking questions and my goalkeeper didn't have a thing to do."

## Non-league News

### Totton makeover

AFC TOTTON are giving their Testwood Stadium clubhouse a makeover.

The Southern Premier Division outfit, who moved to the Salisbury Road site nearly two years ago, are painting two of the walls in the Stag Bar blue and yellow to give it a club feel.

Meanwhile, the function suite will have a deep plum/burgundy colour applied to one wall. It's in preparation for the room's grand re-opening as 'The Monarch Suite' (named after The Monarch of the Glen, King of the Stags) on Burns Night, Friday, January 25.

Details of a Burns Night celebration, complete with a three-course meal - including haggis - will be announced on the club website ([afctotton.com](http://afctotton.com)) shortly.

### Ex-Saint on move

EX-SAINT Jake Thomson has joined Lincoln City on a month's loan from Blue Square Bet Premier rivals Newport County.

The 23-year-old midfielder, pictured, signed for Newport last summer having spent the majority of the previous season with Forest Green Rovers.

A Trinidad & Tobago international, Portsmouth-born

Thomson started his career with Southampton and, between loans at AFC Bournemouth and Torquay United, played 14 times for the club before leaving for Exeter City in July 2010.

He spent a month on loan at Cheltenham and had a brief stint at Kettering Town prior to signing for Forest Green.



### Millers switch game

TOTTON & Eling have rearranged their Sydenhams Premier clash with Alresford Town for next Friday evening (January 11, 7.45pm).

The Millers have brought the fixture forward to avoid clashing with neighbours AFC Totton, who host Weymouth in a big south coast Southern Premier derby at the Testwood Stadium next Saturday (January 12, 3pm).

# CITY HAVE STOMACH FOR SURVIVAL FIGHT - DIAPER

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**SHOLING boss Dave Diaper had nothing but praise for Winchester City's young braves after Tuesday's Southern One South & West basement battle at the Silverlake Arena.**

The vastly more experienced Boatmen ran out handsome 4-1 winners, making a nonsense of their current struggles at the foot of the table.

For third-to-bottom Winchester it was their 11th defeat out of their last 12 league outings and, without significant improvement, they could well find themselves overtaken by Sholing in the coming weeks if the Boatmen can capitalise on their seven games in hand.

Given the youthfulness and inexperience of City's young side, it will take a huge effort to arrest the slide, but Diaper, pictured below, believes they have the character and enthusiasm to make a decent fight of it.

"Winchester are a young team with good spirit," he said.

"They work very hard and try and play good football and you've got to admire them for that."

"Once we'd scored a third against them, you could see our players breathe a sigh of relief and relax a bit, but Winchester didn't drop their heads and they managed to pull a goal back before Lee Wort scored his second."

"It can't be easy for such a young side when they come up against experienced players like Jamie Musselwhite, Tyrone Bowers etc."

Winchester manager James Taylor was equally complimentary about Sholing's survival hopes - albeit that he can't understand why a pedigree side that has made the play-offs for the last three seasons is suddenly struggling.



2-0: Marvin McLean wheels away after scoring Sholing's second against Winchester City on New Year's Day.

Pic by Ray Routledge

In Sholing's defence, they have fallen way behind with their fixtures and have played nine games fewer than league leaders Hungerford Town.

But of the 14 they have played, the usually reliable Boatmen have won just three, drawn four and lost seven - including a demoralising 1-0 reverse at lowly Didcot last Saturday.

"To be honest, I don't know how Sholing are down where they are with the ability and experience they've got," admitted former

Bashley, Havant and Basingstoke striker Taylor, who coaches the Boatmen's under-12 Whites side on Sundays.

"It's poor form from them that they're bottom of the league, but I'm sure they'll get out of it and finish nearer the play-offs than the relegation zone."

Diaper also has faith that his side will come good in the busy months ahead.

"We're no different to last year, apart from losing Kevin Gibbens (now with Blackfield & Langley)," he said.

"The lads are the same, I'm the same manager and we've got the same coaching staff."

"I think what's been happening is that we're getting a bit of 'pay back' from the other clubs. Where we've beaten them regularly in the past, they're now out for revenge."

"We haven't played badly in a lot of the games and we certainly didn't deserve to lose at Didcot."

"The players were a bit low on confidence after that, so it was important to get the three points in the bag against Winchester and get the first win under our belts for quite a while."

"The thing that concerns me, though, is the number of games we've got to play."

Sholing must take another enforced break from league fixtures this Wednesday (January 9, 7.45pm) to entertain Wimborne Town in the Red Insure Cup third round.

"It's a tricky one because we've got Wimborne coming up soon in the league (away, January 15) so we want to put in a decent performance," said Diaper. "But, at the same time, we've got fringe players who need games."



# Preview of 2013

## Murray can make you a mint

BOOKMAKERS are already betting on who will be the star attraction of 2013 – and Andy Murray is at the head of the list.

The Scot is fancied by many to build on his gold medal success at the London Olympics and a first grand slam win at the US Open by picking up more major titles and he is 3/1 favourite to be named Sports Personality of the Year next December.

Having just led England to a rare Test series triumph in India, England captain Alastair Cook will be eyeing more glory in a summer Ashes clash with Australia on home turf and he is 8/1 in places to pick up this gong, with Kevin Pietersen 40/1 and bowlers James Anderson and Graeme Swann both 50/1.

Jessica Ennis is a top-priced 13/2 at Stan James and Mo Farah is 10/1 with BetVictor as they target more athletics success at August's World Championships in Russia, while golf's big hope looks to be Rory McIlroy at 11/1 with Sportingbet.

"It's fair to say that 2013 will have to go a very long way to trump 2012 in terms of sporting achievement but, despite that, we still look like we are in for a fantastic year," said William Hill spokesman Joe Crilly.

The turn of the year will also

see a new football transfer window open and there has already been significant support for several potential moves to take place, with Arsenal 1/2 to snap up



Newcastle striker Demba Ba and Andrei Arshavin, pictured, 4/6 to go from the Gunners to Reading.

BetVictor and Sky Bet are the firms offering odds on a number of high-profile players switching clubs, with Theo Walcott available at 2/1 to leave the Emirates Stadium for Chelsea and 3/1 to join Manchester United, who are 8/11 to swoop for Crystal Palace starlet Wilfried Zaha next month.

Real Madrid are 5/2 to break the bank by capturing Gareth Bale from Tottenham before the start of February, while it is 10/11 for Porto midfielder Joao Moutinho to move to White Hart Lane and Spurs are 1/2 to sign Dutch veteran Wesley Sneijder from Inter Milan.

Liverpool are long odds-on to land Thomas Ince, while Athletic Bilbao ace Fernando Llorente is 8/11 to move to Anfield, Atletico Madrid hot-shot Falcao is 5/2 to sign for Chelsea and Swansea boss Michael Laudrup is 2/1 to use his Barcelona connections to bring in David Villa.

QPR are favourites to capture Nicolas Anelka and Joe Cole, but the Hammers may miss out on David Beckham to a French club if the betting is anything to go by.

# Future holds promise for young England stars

**EVEN with more money gushing into the Premier League than ever before, there is a greater focus on youth development at many of England's top clubs.**

Arsenal's Jack Wilshere and Manchester United's Danny Welbeck are just two of the more notable products of this 'grow-your-own' policy, with both now senior England internationals and seemingly on their way to impressive careers in the game.

All things being equal, they will make further progress during 2013 and confirm their status as amongst the country's best young players.

The same goes for Saints teenager Luke Shaw, who has already attracted the attention of some of England's biggest clubs.

But, for two more, 2013 is an even more important year.

Between them, Daniel Sturridge and Chris Smalling are approaching 150 Premier League appearances and seven England caps.

Yet both are at a junction following a disappointing 2012.

In Sturridge's case it has been down to his failure to secure a regular place in a Chelsea side now onto its third manager in a year.

For Smalling, a succession of injuries have curtailed his progress at Manchester United.

After leaving Manchester City as a teenager, Sturridge really looked set to kick on after enjoying a superb half-season at Bolton in 2011.

Returning to Stamford Bridge has just brought more frustration though. At times he has seemed ready to step up, only for Didier Drogba or Fernando Torres to be trusted instead.

His move to Liverpool looks good news for him, however.

Given their acute lack of strikers



**FLASHBACK:** Aaron Martin, left, and Chris Smalling, middle, together for England.

**MY BALL:** Chris Smalling's power in the air is too much for Grant Holt of Norwich.

this could be exactly what the Birmingham-born player needs.

Roy Hodgson has already said Smalling would have been in his Euro 2012 squad had it not been for the groin injury that also wrecked his chances of being involved in the Olympics.

When Smalling subsequently broke a metatarsal during pre-season training, it meant he made just two first-team appearances between the beginning of April and end of October at a vital time for his career development.

Already it seems Jonny Evans has nudged ahead of Smalling – a former England Schools defensive partner of Saints' Aaron Martin – in the central defensive pecking order at Old Trafford, with Rafael impressing at right-back.

The task for Smalling therefore is to stay fit enough for long enough to rediscover the form that persuaded Sir Alex Ferguson to pay Fulham £10million for the 23-year-old when he had played just 19 senior games.

Of course, if Sturridge and Smalling do go on to shine, they could hardly claim to have emerged from obscurity, as Liverpool winger Raheem Sterling has done so superbly in 2012.

Finding others to follow suit is fraught with difficulty.

So many precocious talents fall by the wayside it is frightening.

But a couple to follow, could well be these young lads...

Stoke defender Sam Coulson is benefiting from working under Tony Pulis' watchful eye, has Ryan Shawcross as a live example of someone to follow and, at 16, has already played for England Under-18s.

Even younger is Liverpool's Seyi Ojo. Nigeria-born and signed from MK Dons in November 2011, Ojo won't even be 16 until June.

Yet he has already scored his first goal for the Reds Under-18 side and don't be surprised if, in the second half of this year, his name is being mentioned in some high circles indeed.



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# Preview of 2013

## IVORY COAST TO WIN THE AFRICAN NATIONS CUP @ 7/4 PINNACLE

THE Elephants have been perennial underachievers but, after finishing as runners-up last year, this could be the time their golden generation finally comes good in South Africa.

Apart from losing out on penalties to Emmanuel Mayuka's Zambia in the final of this competition 12 months ago, having reached that decider with five straight wins without conceding a goal, Ivory Coast were otherwise unbeaten in 2012.

The likes of Didier Drogba, Yaya Toure and Didier Zokora have a wealth of experience, while the supporting cast includes highly-rated Premier League performers such as Arouna Kone and Cheick Tiote.

## BARCELONA TO WIN THE CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINAL @ 5/2 WIDELY AVAILABLE

SCUPPERED at the semi-final stage by Chelsea last season but the Catalan giants look on course to regain the European crown they claimed for the third time in six years when outclassing Manchester United in the 2011 decider.

Wembley was the scene of that impressive triumph and few will be betting against Barca returning to the ground this term.

Barca have been imperious at home and abroad, with Lionel Messi once more banging in goals for fun and the backbone of Spain's invincible national team still going strong in behind the Argentina ace.

## RORY MCILROY TO WIN A MAJOR IN 2013 @ 6/4 BOYLE-SPORTS AND PADDY POWER

FOLLOWED up his 2011 US Open triumph by taking the USPGA Championship in 2012, each time destroying the opposition to romp home by an amazing eight shots.

After enjoying a Ryder Cup victory, he went on to top the money list on both the European Tour and the PGA Tour last season, with a series of outstanding performances including three more wins across the Atlantic and victory at the DP World Tour Championship in Dubai.

Nothing appears to faze the talented Northern Irishman on the course.

## ANDY MURRAY TO WIN A GRAND SLAM EVENT IN 2013 @ 8/15 STAN JAMES

BUOYED by picking up a gold medal at the London 2012 Olympics, when routing Roger Federer in the final, Murray broke his grand slam duck at the US Open, becoming the first British winner of a grand slam since Fred Perry in 1936.

The way he beat Novak Djokovic in a five-set epic in the Flushing Meadows decider dispelled any remaining fears over his fitness.

And the confidence gained from ending a run of four straight grand slam final defeats will only strengthen his resolve.

Federer's advancing years and Rafael Nadal's injury woes also open the way to more success.

## ENGLAND TO WIN THE ASHES SERIES @ 8/13 WIDELY AVAILABLE

ENGLAND prevailed for the third



DIDIER DROGBA



LIONEL MESSI



RORY MCILROY



ANDY MURRAY



ENGLAND CRICKET TEAM



ENGLAND RUGBY UNION



JUDD TRUMP



SEBASTIAN VETTEL



ALBERTO CONTADOR

# GOOD BETS FOR A BRIGHT 2013...

## ENGLAND TO WIN THE SIX NATIONS @ 5/2 LADBROKES

STUART Lancaster has been rebuilding the England side and after playing well in defeat against both Australia and South Africa, everything came together with a resounding triumph over the mighty All Blacks at Twickenham.

That amazing victory, which ended New Zealand's 20-game unbeaten run, should be a springboard to future success and they are fancied to repeat their 2011 triumph in this competition.

England appear to have found a clinical kicker in Owen Farrell,

Manu Tuilagi and Chris Ashton are two of the most explosive backs in world rugby and Chris Robshaw leads a developing pack – plus they have three home games in the Six Nations this time!

## BRITISH AND IRISH LIONS TO WIN SERIES AGAINST AUSTRALIA @ 5/6 BLUE SQUARE AND STAN JAMES

ENGLAND, Ireland, Scotland and Wales will unite to seek a first series win since 1997 and the feeling is they will seldom get a better chance to come out on top against one of the southern hemisphere superpowers.

The Wallabies began their 2012 campaign by losing at home to Scotland and although then prevailing in all three Tests against Wales, the winning margin in the last two games was just two points and then one.

After finishing a distant second behind New Zealand in the Rugby Championship, they also failed to impress on an autumn tour of Europe, going down 33-6 in France before narrow, arguably fortunate, wins over England, Italy and Wales.

## JUDD TRUMP TO WIN WORLD SNOOKER CHAMPIONSHIP @ 5/1 BOYLESPOITS

WITH defending champion Ronnie O'Sullivan taking a sabbatical, world No 1 Trump can confirm his status as the new king of the green baize by claiming a first Crucible crown.

The 23-year-old Bristol potter has been earmarked as a sure-fire future world champion ever since enjoying considerable success in youth tournaments.

After turning pro in 2005, his progress in the paid ranks was slower than expected, but Trump made the breakthrough at the 2011 China Open and has not looked back since.

Runner-up in this tournament two years ago, he has risen rapidly up the rankings with a consistent run of solid displays and enjoys playing in longer matches.

## SEBASTIAN VETTEL TO WIN THE FORMULA ONE DRIVERS' TITLE @ 6/4 BLUE SQUARE

THE German ace joined Michael Schumacher and Juan Manuel Fangio as the only drivers to win three straight Formula One titles and can now match the Argentinian's four-in-a-row before targeting his compatriot's five-star display between 2000 and 2004.

Vettel allowed Ferrari star Fernando Alonso to build up a healthy lead last season but reeled in the Spaniard with a run of four straight race wins once Red Bull found top gear again.

With Lewis Hamilton leaving McLaren to embark on a new challenge at Mercedes, Alonso looks the only danger this term but Vettel's superior qualifying speed can prove decisive once more.

## ALBERTO CONTADOR TO WIN THE TOUR DE FRANCE @ 6/5 WILLIAM HILL

WITH Lance Armstrong's fall from grace still fresh in the memory, it is hardly great PR for cycling to have another rider who has previously failed a drugs test at the head of the betting for the TDF.

But it is hard to argue with Contador's claims.

The Spaniard has secured the yellow jersey on three occasions, although he did have to hand his 2010 award back, and returned from missing the 2012 event to land a second Vuelta a Espana success.

Widely considered the best climbing specialist in the world, so will be suited by the hillier route scheduled for this year and can outbattle Chris Froome, who helped Bradley Wiggins to a historic triumph but is unproven as a team leader.



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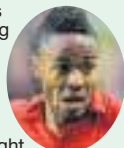
## Ten new year stars to watch

### RAHEEM STERLING

STERLING has emerged as one of the most exciting talents in English football after breaking into the Liverpool team this season.

The teenage winger had not started a game for the Reds before the start of this season but, after being given his chance by Brendan Rodgers, he has not looked back.

It has been a whirlwind season for Sterling, who has caught the eye with some impressive displays for the Reds and was called up to the England squad to face Sweden in November.



### JOE LAUNCHBURY

LAUNCHBURY has a bright future in international rugby ahead of him and the young lock could have a big role to play in England's RBS 6 Nations campaign.

The giant 21-year-old caught England coach Stuart Lancaster's eye with some impressive displays for Wasps and he was handed his first international start against South Africa in November.

Lancaster believes Launchbury's power and dynamism can make him a mainstay in the England side for years to come and the highly-rated forward will be looking to live up to that billing.

### JAMES HARRIS

HARRIS will be hoping his move to Middlesex will help him break into the full England set-up in 2013.

The England Lions seamer turned down a lucrative new contract with Glamorgan in order to progress his career by playing in the top flight of the LV= County Championship and rejected several other counties to move to Lord's.

Harris, 22, tipped as a future England player for some time is a potent medium-fast bowler and more than useful with the bat.

### LAURA ROBSON

ROBSON has been billed as one of the next big things in British tennis for some time and she started to realise her potential in 2012.

The Australia-born teenager won an Olympic silver medal playing with Andy Murray in the doubles in



London last summer before reaching the fourth round of the US Open with surprise victories over Kim Clijsters and Li Na.

Robson then became the first British woman to reach an LTA Tour final at the Guangzhou Women's Open and she will be looking to kick on in 2013.

### ADAM GEMILI

GEMILI shot to prominence when he won 100 metres gold in the World Junior Championships in May and he plans to prove that was no flash in the pan.

Big things are expected of the 19-year-old, who turned his back on a career in football to concentrate on athletics and will also compete in the 200m in 2013.

He became the fastest British junior of all time when he won gold in the World Juniors and narrowly missed out on a place in the 100m Olympic final at London 2012.

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# Lions ready to roar back

**THE British and Irish Lions will occupy rugby union's centre stage in 2013, and they need to deliver a command performance.**

It is 15 years since the Lions won a Test series, and memories are slowly fading of those heroic exploits when Martin Johnson's team famously defeated then world champions South Africa 2-1, courtesy of victories in Cape Town and Durban, **writes ANDREW BALDOCK.**

Even allowing for England's magnificent success against current world champions New Zealand recently, British and Irish rugby needs a lift at international level.

The record against major southern hemisphere opposition remains a poor one.

Although England beat the All Blacks, their autumn results also showed losses to Australia and South Africa, while Wales lost to the Wallabies and New Zealand, Ireland were beaten by the Springboks and Scotland went down against New Zealand and South Africa.

Attention will soon focus on this season's RBS 6 Nations Championship – a time when Lions head coach Warren Gatland will formulate his squad – and that tournament needs to be a showcase for European rugby, rather than the distinctly average 2012 competition.

This time around the Lions will head to Australia – via an appointment with the Barbarians in Hong Kong – for Tests against the Wallabies in Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney.

Six other fixtures are also on the schedule, including games against all five of Australia's Super Rugby sides; Western Force, Queensland Reds, New South Wales Waratahs, the Canberra-based Brumbies and Melbourne Rebels.

All Lions tours are rated by what happens in the Tests, though, and the record since 1997 is nothing to shout about.

Nine games against Australia (2001), New Zealand (2005) and South Africa (2009) produced two victories and seven defeats.

But, Lions legend Sir Ian McGeechan apart, if there is a coach out there who can mastermind an overdue triumph, then New Zealander Gatland fits the bill.

Since taking charge of Wales, his 56-Test reign has delivered a World Cup semi-final appearance, two Six Nations titles and two Grand Slams.

So it was no surprise that the Lions came calling for someone who also enjoyed considerable success on a

domestic stage with Premiership club Wasps.

Gatland is free to concentrate solely on Lions business after his Welsh Rugby Union employers agreed he could miss this season's Six Nations, and that might prove a key factor if the tourists are to enjoy success Down Under.

A meticulous planner, Gatland will use the time to leave no stone unturned in terms of preparation, building towards announcing his squad next April.

At this stage, Ireland centre Brian O'Driscoll and Wales' 2011 World Cup skipper Sam Warburton are arguably the captaincy favourites, although others in the frame include Ireland number eight Jamie Heaslip and England's Chris Robshaw.

Injuries permitting, there are already a number of players who should get their passports ready, the likes of Leigh Halfpenny, Tommy Bowe, George North, Manu Tuilagi, Jonathan Sexton, Rory Best, Dan Cole, Richie Gray, Tom Wood, Dan Lydiate, O'Driscoll, Warburton, Heaslip and Robshaw.

Others firmly in the frame include Chris Ashton, Jonathan Davies, Mike Phillips, Ben Youngs, Alex Corbisiero, Adam Jones, Geoff Parling, Sean O'Brien and Ben Morgan.

And what of former England stars Jonny Wilkinson and Andrew Sheridan?

Current form suggests they could both make Gatland's final cut.

The make-up of the squad – likely to be around 35 in number – will spark numerous debates from Devon to Dumfries between now and April, while injuries will inevitably impact on selection and be a factor for Gatland to contend with.

But by the time the Lions leave for Hong Kong in late May, they should have a squad good enough to push Australia every inch of the way and potentially end the long wait for Test series glory.



**JONNY WILKINSON**





# Preview of 2013



# KP hits the big stage

**ON July 10 this year, cricket's most compelling rivalry will begin again as England and Australia begin a summer-long tussle over the ownership of the Ashes urn.**

Over five Tests and a maximum 25 days in the field, the sport's oldest foes will put themselves on the line for some of the most valued bragging rights in the sporting world.

Since ending an 18-year losing streak in the unforgettable 2005 rubber, England have had the better of the battles between the old enemies, coming out on top in three of the last four series.

While the 5-0 whitewash in 2006/07 means the old feelings of inferiority are not entirely expunged, the cathartic 3-1 success Down Under in 2010/11 ranks among the most thrilling victories in English history.

Both sides have undergone changes since then but the class of 2013 look capable of throwing up another fiercely competitive contest that is sure to captivate fans from Preston to Perth.

Here, the *Sports Pink* assesses some of the key issues that could help determine the series.

When Ricky Ponting chose to call time on his Test career at the end of the South Africa series, it brought to an end his hopes of one last shot at England.

But how will Australia cope with the loss of their Tasmanian talisman?

His form had tailed off to a worrying degree but on a lengthy tour in a pressurised environment there is no telling how the side will cope without their long-time leader. Ponting's competitive edge and hatred of losing leant his side real teeth and with him now absent from the dressing room it will fall on others to pick up the baton.

Michael Hussey instantly took on the role of senior pro, but a few weeks after Ponting's announcement came news that he too was ending his Test career.

Like Ponting, England's most distinguished general, Andrew Strauss, admitted defeat in his Ashes odyssey when he retired in the summer.

His understudy – now successor – Alastair Cook was long groomed for the captaincy and, though he exudes less natural authority than Strauss, England feel happy with his low-key leadership.

But the issue of his opening partner is less straightforward.

Nick Compton has been given the chance to book his place in the Ashes but at 29 is a late bloomer at this level and will need major runs to seal the deal.

Should he falter in that regard the options are thin.

Joe Root is talented but callow and Hampshire's Michael Carberry seems destined to become a one-cap wonder, with that one appearance coming against Bangladesh almost three years ago.

Jonathan Trott and Ian Bell have both been touted as emergency openers but such experimentation would be a gamble and risks disrupting a stable middle-order.

Despite winning the last two home Ashes series, England erred badly in the opening matches in 2005 and 2009.

Seven years ago Ponting's Australia, pumped up by the inspiring surroundings of Lord's, got going with a crushing 239-run win, while last time out the decision to take the first Test to a turning Cardiff track almost backfired spectacularly and a memorable rearguard was needed to salvage a draw.

This time the ECB have chosen their 'banker', Trent Bridge, for the opening skirmish.

England have won their last four Tests in Nottingham by crushing margins: an innings and nine runs against New Zealand, 354 runs against Pakistan, 319 runs against India and nine wickets against West Indies.

The tendency for swing and seam suits the English attack well and the current side have plenty of happy memories to dwell on as they look to score an early advantage.

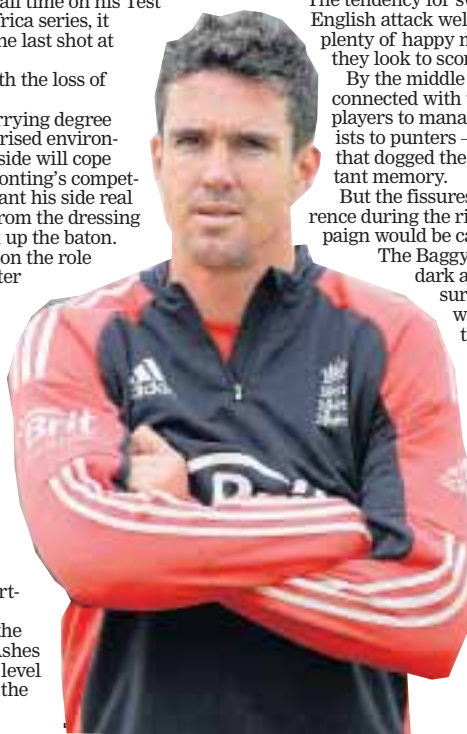
By the middle of the summer, everyone connected with the England side – from players to management and from journalists to punters – will hope the KP furore that dogged the team this year will be a distant memory.

But the fissures were deep and any recurrence during the rigours of an Ashes campaign would be catastrophic.

The Baggy Greens are masters in the dark arts of sledging and will surely attempt to reopen old wounds, so England – and their maverick star – must be prepared.

On the other hand, the period of uncertainty over Pietersen's international future is likely to have reawakened his passion for the big stage.

No stage is bigger than the Ashes and he knows one more defining performance in the series will do wonders for his legacy.



**KEVIN PIETERSEN**

## Ten new year stars to watch

### SAM TOMKINS

ALREADY England's all-time leading try scorer at the age of 23, Tomkins will spearhead the hosts' bid for Rugby League World Cup glory in 2013.

Electric pace and a wicked side-step off either foot make the Wigan full-back incredibly elusive with the ball in hand and he has deceptive strength when it comes to breaking through tackles.

Confirmation that Tomkins has also added a mature approach to his prodigious talent came when he was voted Super League Man of Steel by his peers last season.

### WILFRIED ZAHA

ZAHA is the most sought after player in the Football League and his outstanding form for Crystal Palace earned him a surprise England call-up in November.

The 20-year-old forward was handed his Eagles debut by Paul Hart back in March 2010 after the Ivory Coast-born starlet caught the eye with his pace and trickery.

But it was not until this season that he has taken the Championship by storm and a host of big clubs are eager to prise him away from Selhurst Park.

### MATTEO MANASSERO

MANASSERO in November became the first teenager to win three European Tour titles and 2013 could be the year the promising Italian challenges for his first major.

The naturally-gifted 19-year-old became the youngest ever winner of the British Amateur Championship at the age of 16 and caught the eye again when he made the cut at The Masters before turning 17.

Manassero won the Barclays Singapore Open in November and is one to keep an eye on in 2013.

### DAVID PRICE

PRICE made a huge statement when he knocked out Audley Harrison in just 82 seconds and 2013 could be a big year for the Liverpool heavyweights.

Price floored former Olympic champion Harrison at the Liverpool Echo Arena in October to defend his British heavyweight title in emphatic fashion.

He then beat Matt Skelton in November and he should get the opportunity to silence Tyson Fury in 2013, a year in which he also hopes to fight one of the Klitschko brothers.

### SERGIO PEREZ

LEWIS Hamilton's move to Mercedes has opened the door for Sergio Perez to realise his potential at McLaren and 2013 will be a big year for the Mexican driver.

Perez, who will turn 23 in January, has been rewarded for some outstanding performances for Sauber by being given the challenge of replacing Hamilton.

McLaren team principal Martin Whitmarsh expects Perez to hit the ground running and demonstrate why many people see him as a world champion in the making.

**TOP MAN: Lions head coach Warren Gatland.**





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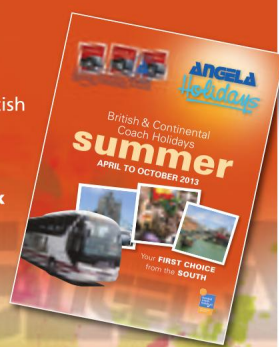
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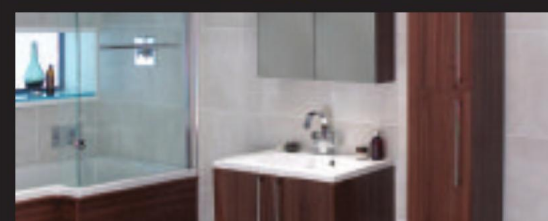
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# Review of the Year

# NEW YEAR KICKS OFF

IT has been some year! 2012 will be remembered for Saints' return to the Premier League and Hampshire's historic limited-overs double as well as the London Olympics. Here is Hampshire sport's annus mirabilis, in chronological order...

## JANUARY

**2** Saints began a glorious year with a rare defeat en route back to the Premier League – 3-0 against rivals Brighton at the Amex. The first red card of Rickie Lambert's career shortly after the break (for a tussle with the theatrical Adam El Abd) was followed by three goals in 20 minutes for the Seagulls.

**6** Jason Puncheon was made to train apart from the first team after returning from his loan spell at QPR.

**7** James Ward-Prowse and Aaron Martin scored their first senior goals as a youthful Saints side won 2-1 at Coventry City in the FA Cup third round.

**8** Guernsey's Lee Merrien pipped John Beattie to first place at the Hampshire Cross Country Championships in Dibden. Olympic hopeful Louise Damen won the women's race.

**10** Ben Ainslie announced plans to contest the 2012-13 America's Cup.

**14** A brilliant away performance at ten-man Nottingham Forest, was rewarded with a 3-0 win at the City Ground – and included a touchline spat between Nigel Adkins and Steve Cotterill. But Saints did not win any of their next five.

**15** The Stubbington 10k road race was won by Chris Pownor. Southampton's Ceri Mitchell stormed to victory in the fourth round of the 2.09 Events Hampshire Cross Country League at Kings Park, Bournemouth.

**21** Saints lost top spot in the Championship when West Ham won 2-1 at home to Nottingham Forest.

**22** Jason Puncheon slammed Saints chairman Nicola Cortese on Twitter and prepared to see out the remaining 18 months of his contract training with the youth team.

**23** Saints Academy old boy Matthew Mills scored on his return to St Mary's as Leicester City, managed by ex-Saints boss Nigel Pearson, inflicted a 2-0 defeat.

**WHAT A START:** Sailor Ben Ainslie and diver Pete Waterfield (right) enjoyed a good start to 2012, while Tadanari Lee scored his first Saints goal (bottom).



**25** Saints confirmed the signing of Tadanari Lee, having secured his work permit

**26** Jason Puncheon returned to training with the Saints first team after clear-the-air talks with Nicola Cortese.

**28** Saints were denied an FA Cup fourth-round victory at Millwall by Darius Henderson's late equaliser. Bradleyubb scored a hat-trick as

Eastleigh's 4-0 win against Sutton United ensured a miserable return to the Silverlake Stadium for former Spitfires boss Paul Doswell.

**30** Saints signed striker Billy Sharp from Doncaster Rovers on a three-and-a-half year contract

**31** A Rickie Lambert penalty rescued Saints a point at home to Dave Jones's Cardiff City.

## FEBRUARY

**4** Saints overcame a snow-storm and the late sending-off of Danny Fox before leaving St Andrew's with a point following a goalless draw at Birmingham City.

**7** Despite leading 2-1 with ten minutes to go, Saints crashed out of the FA Cup with a 3-2 defeat in their fourth-round replay against Millwall at St Mary's.

**11** Billy Sharp's first Saints goal and another first-half strike from Adam Lallana secured a first win in six matches – 2-0 against Burnley.

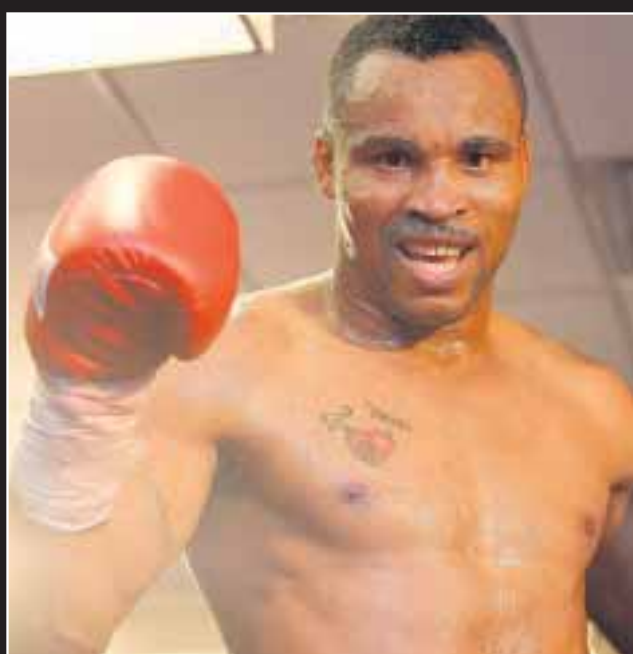
**12** Southampton Athletics Club enjoyed a successful final round of the 2.09 Events Hampshire Cross Country League in Salisbury, finishing second behind Aldershot Farnham & District

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# Review of the Year

# WITH SAINTS SHOCKER



**HIGHS AND LOWS:** Rickie Lambert received his first red card (top), but there was a win in the ring for King Davidson (left) and Hampshire spinner Danny Briggs made his England debut.



**27** Hampshire Cricket renamed the Rose Bowl the Ageas Bowl after securing a naming-rights deal with the Eastleigh-based insurance firm.

## MARCH

**3** Kelvin Davis produced a magnificent goalkeeping performance as Saints somehow beat Leeds United 1-0 at Elland Road.

**6** Despite Rickie Lambert's 74th-minute goal, Saints had to settle for a single point at home to Ipswich when Jason Scotland hit a late equaliser, via a deflection.

**8** AFC Totton's main sponsor, Jim Fallon, walked out on the club.

**10** Adam Lallana scored twice either side of half-time to give Saints a 2-0 home win against Barnsley.

**11** Rickie Lambert was voted the Championship's Player of the Year, pipping Adam Lallana to the accolade.

**11** Hampshire's Justin Rose pocketed \$1.4m after winning the second World Golf Championships event of the year, the Cadillac Championship, in Florida. Rose finished one shot ahead of 2012 Masters champion Bubba Watson.

**16** Totton's London Irish teenager, David Sisi, helped England win the U20 Six Nations.

**17** Another Rickie Lambert hat-trick, this time including two penalties in the last five minutes, helped Saints to avenge their 3-2 FA Cup defeat by beating Millwall by the same score-line at the New Den.

**14** Jos Hooiveld's second-half equaliser against ten-man West Ham, following Matt Taylor's 18th-minute sending-off for a push on Billy Sharp, rescued Saints a point in the top-of-the-table clash at Upton Park.

**18** Tadanari Lee scored his first Saints goal, a stunning 25-yard strike into the top corner, to complete a 4-0 rout of Derby County – the first of seven wins in eight games.

**19** Southampton AC's Danny White won the fifth round of the CC6 winter cross-country, pipping Eastleigh's Carl Shirley at the finish of the five-mile course in Bolderwood.

**21** Danny Briggs, 20, became Hampshire's youngest-ever international on his England debut against Pakistan in Dubai. He took 2-39 as a replacement for an injured Graeme Swann as England nailed a 4-0 series win.

**23** AFC Totton chairman Phil Shephard stood down – having overseen the most successful period in the club's history; promotion to the Southern Premier league as well as a first appearance in the second round proper of the FA Cup.

**25** Rickie Lambert hit his third hat-trick of the season as Saints thrashed Watford 3-0 at Vicarage Road.

**25** Pete Waterfield wins bronze in the 10m platform at the FINA Diving World Cup in the London 2012 Aquatics Centre.

**25** AFC Totton legend Pete Chilcott passed away, aged 92.

**26** Teenager Richard Horton won the Winchester 10k. Karen Hazlitt won the women's race.

**17** Southampton-based light middleweight King Davidson cruised to a second-round stoppage of Dmitrij Kaslinovskij at the Mountbatten Centre in Portsmouth. The show also saw wins for Matty Tew and Jon Fernandes.

**18** Hardley's Paul Ashley won the Exbury 10k

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# SAINTS GET BACK TO

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**20** Saints went five points clear at the top of the Championship with a 2-0 win at Hull City

**24** Two second-half Billy Sharp goals against his former club secured a 2-0 win against Doncaster Rovers at St Mary's

**24** Southampton RFC secured promotion to Hampshire Division 1 with an 85-0 win over Lymington Mariners.

**25** Winchester & District AC's Andy Greenleaf won the Eastleigh 10k

**31** With injury denying Rickie Lambert the chance to play against his former club, Billy Sharp missed a penalty in a 3-0 defeat against Blackpool at Bloomfield Road, a result that ended Saints' 12-match unbeaten run in the Championship.

**31** Eastleigh RFC were promoted to London 3 South following a 23-12 win over Fordingbridge. Gosport and Fareham won London 2 South West after a 36-17 win against Old Regatian at Gosport Park.

## APRIL

**2** Sean Whelan stands down as AFC Totton chairman – one month after taking the job.

**5** Hamble's Dani King and teammates Jo Rowsell and Laura Trott successfully defended their Team Pursuit crown when they smashed the world record at the World Track Championships in Melbourne.

**7** Two-goal Billy Sharp looked to have given Saints three memorable points when he struck in the 89th-minute. But Pompey sub David Norris's stunning equaliser meant a 2-2 draw at St Mary's.

**7** Basingstoke RC reclaimed the Gales HSB Hampshire Cup with a 16-10 win over Gosport and Fareham.

**9** Another Rickie Lambert brace gave Saints a 2-0 win at Crystal Palace

**9** AFC Totton striker Nathaniel Sherborne hit a late hat-trick to clinch a 4-4 draw away to New Forest rivals Bashley.

**13** Reading sub Adam Le Fondre scored two goals in the last 20 minutes at St Mary's to give his side a 3-1 win that



**ON THE UP:** Rickie Lambert celebrates Saints' promotion to the Premier League with a 4-1 win over Coventry.

saw the Royals replace the Saints at the top of the Championship table.

**13** David Balcombe recorded the sensational figures of 8-71 – the best bowling analysis at the Ageas Bowl – as Hampshire bowled Gloucestershire out for 314 in their opening LV County Championship match of the season.

**14** Southampton AC broke four Wessex League record in the first meet of the season

**15** Hampshire lost their opening County Championship match of the season, by 33 runs at home to Gloucestershire.

**17** Two more Billy Sharp goals set up a 3-1 win at Peterborough United put Saints tantalisingly close to the Premier League.

**21** Despite taking a first-minute lead at Middlesbrough through Billy Sharp, a 2-1 defeat meant Saints' promotion party was put on

hold.

**21** Trojans RFC survived relegation after finishing second from bottom of London 1 South.

**26** Stuart Ritchie announced that he would be standing down as AFC Totton's manager at the end of the current season, having guided the club to two promotions, the FA Vase final and the FA Cup second round proper during his eight years in the role.

**28** Saints secured their return to the Premier League after a seven-year absence by beating Coventry City 4-0 with goals from Adam Lallana, Jose Fonte, Jos Hooiveld and Billy Sharp, prompting unprecedented scenes of celebration at St Mary's.

**28** Devastated Tony Hill saw his dreams of becoming Commonwealth champion end in just 30 seconds after being stopped by Billy Joe Saunders in their bill-topping bout at the Royal Albert Hall.

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# THE PROMISED LAND

**HIGHS AND LOWS:** Hampshire bowler David Balcombe celebrates on his way to recording career-best figures of 8-71 against Gloucestershire at the Ageas Bowl and, below, AFC Totton manager Stuart Ritchie salutes the Stags faithful after his final game in charge for the club, a 4-2 defeat in the Evo-Stik Southern Premier play-off final.



## MAY

- 1 AFC Totton booked their place in the Evostik Southern Premier play-offs with a 2-0 win against Bedford.
- 3 AFC Totton beat Chesham United 3-2 to reach the Evostik Southern Premier play-off final.
- 5 Totton & Eling CC coach Dave Taylor blitzed the world's second biggest 50-over score of 330 not out (160 balls,

31 sixes, 19 fours) in a Southern Electric Premier League Division 3 match against Trojans

7 Former Saints striker Steve Basham scored a penalty as Oxford City beat AFC Totton 4-2 in the Evostik Southern Premier play-off final.

11 Jimmy Adams made 122, his first century of the season, and debutant Bilal Shafayat hit 93 – but Hampshire could only draw against Derbyshire at the Ageas Bowl.

16 Eastleigh beat AFC Totton 2-0 in the Hampshire Senior Cup final at St Mary's – a game used to experiment with goal-line technology

17 Michael Bates hit his maiden Hampshire century against Yorkshire at Headingley, making 121 and putting on 170 with Simon Katich (196).

20 Hampshire won their opening Clydesdale Bank 40 match, beating Scotland by 89 runs on the outskirts of Glasgow.

23 Sean Ervine hit an unbeaten 109 against Glamorgan at The Ageas Bowl.

27 Michael Carberry blasted an unbeaten 103 from just 70 balls as Hampshire went top of their Clydesdale Bank 40 group with a nine-wicket thrashing of Somerset at Taunton.

28 Justin Rose tied for second at his 'home' event – the BMW PGA Championship, at Wentworth, in Surrey – after a tense final-day battle with eventual

winner Luke Donald.

28 Steve Riley was named AFC Totton's new manager after leaving Bashley.

29 Hampshire signed Glenn Maxwell as one of their two Twenty20 overseas players.

30 Eastleigh signed former Saints academy goalkeeper Jack Dovey.

31 Hampshire suffered a first limited-overs defeat of the season, James Taylor's brilliant 115 not out (balls) ensuring a 12-run CB40 win for Notts at the Ageas Bowl.

## JUNE

2 Former Hampshire batsman Derek Kenway (144) shared a Southern Electric Premier League record opening partnership of 327 with Alex Styles (170), in a division two match for Burridge against Paultons.

3 Warsash-based sailor Ian Walker skippered the Abu Dhabi Ocean Racing team to victory in the seventh leg of the Volvo Ocean race, the transatlantic crossing from Miami to Lisbon.

3 Southampton AC's Matt Bennett won the fourth RR10 road race at Manor Farm Country Park, ahead of Lee Rodriguez (New Forest) and Nick Buis (Totton), who had won the first three events.

4 Michael Carberry's latest CB40 century, an unbeaten 148, guided Hampshire to a six-wicket win against Scotland at the Ageas Bowl.

6 Salisbury City sign Jamie White after his 54-goal haul for Wessex League champions Winchester City, who replace him with AFC Totton's Michael Charles.

10 Saints make Burnley striker Jay Rodriguez their £7m record signing

16 Ian Bell scored his third century in five Ageas Bowl internationals, hitting 126 as England beat the West Indies in the Natwest Series.

17 New Forest duo Lee Rodriguez and Erica Fogg won the men's and women's RR10 at Alver Valley Country Park.

18 Hampshire lost their opening game of the Friends Life T20, a six-wicket defeat against Middlesex ending a run of 11 successive home wins.

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# OLYMPIC GLORY FOR

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**22** Kent won a thriller at the Ageas Bowl by three runs as Hampshire suffered a second home defeat in five days at the beginning of their successful Friends Life t20 campaign.

**24** Glenn Maxwell inspired Hampshire's first t20 win of the season with a 22-ball 50, which included six sixes, against Kent at Canterbury. His unbeaten 66 guided the Royals to a six-wicket win.

**24** Southampton AC won team gold at the Lordshill 10k

**27** Sean Ervine's 75 not out ensured a four-wicket t20 win against Middlesex at Richmond.

**28** Hampshire manager Giles White admits that Shahid Afridi is unlikely to be available for any of the t20 campaign, following "visa issues".

**29** Glenn Maxwell ended a memorable week by hitting Hampshire's fastest t20 fifty (21 balls) - breaking the record he set five days earlier. His 24-ball 60 not out against Essex at Chelmsford included four sixes and 30 off one Tim Phillips over.

**30** King Davidson won the WBO International light middleweight title at Oceana nightclub in Southampton with a clinical second-round stoppage of Joseph Lamptey

**30** Hampshire won their fourth successive t20 match by seven wickets at the Ageas Bowl against a Surrey side playing only their second game since the tragic death of Tom Maynard, aged 23, 12 days earlier.

## JULY

**2** Liam Dawson dismissed Kevin Pietersen with the first ball of Hampshire's rain-reduced t20 win against Surrey at The Oval, thanks to a brilliant Jimmy Adams catch.

**3** Saints midfielder Jack Cork was included in Great Britain's Olympic football squad, while Sway's Dan McMillan was included in the handball squad.

**4** Southampton sailor Ian Walker completes the gruelling round-the-world Volvo Ocean Race

**5** Chandler's Ford brothers Adam and David Knott were both included in GB's Goalball squad for the Paralympics.



**6** Saints sign midfielder Steven Davis, captain of financially-stricken Glasgow Rangers.

**6** England's Matt Prior blasted 81 from 37 balls against Hampshire, only for rain to ensure a share of the T20 points at the Ageas Bowl

**7** Rain continued to decimate the local cricket season, washing out every scheduled game in the Southern Electric Premier League and Hampshire Cricket League.

**7** Southampton athletes won two golds, two silvers and three bronze medals at the English Schools Track and Field Championships.

**7** Eastleigh's Sam Rooney and Danny Smith were crowned British Darts Organisation's Gold Cup Pairs champions at the Lakeside Country Club in Frimley Green.

**8** Southampton's Gary Hunt got the defence of his Red Bull Cliff Diving World title back

on track with victory in Norway.

**9** The signing of Steve Davis is complicated by Rangers' claims that he is in breach of contract.

**10** Shirley tennis ace Gabi Taylor, 14, helped GB win their first Tennis Europe Summer Cups girls title in more than 30 years.

**13** Hampshire conceded a magnificent 222 not out to Joe Root, the highest score of a

season that ended in the youngster's England call-up. But more rain on the final day of the LV County Championship match ensured a draw.

**14** Jay Rodriguez scored his first goal for his new club as Saints drew with Arsenal - but the Gunners won the Markus Liebherr Cup.

**15** Simon Katich's unbeaten 59 guided Hampshire to a four-wicket CB40 win against Durham.

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# HAMPSHIRE'S STARS



**OLYMPIC GLORY:** Lymington sailor Ben Ainslie celebrates his fourth successive Olympic gold medal after a dramatic win in Weymouth (left), rower James Foad with his bronze medal after his men's eight squad finished third at Eton Dorney (above) and Hamble cycling sensation Dani King celebrates team pursuit gold with teammates Laura Trott and Jo Rowsell (facing page).

**15** Andy Morgan-Lee won the Wyvern 10k, while Hannah Howard won the women's race

**17** James Vince hit and assured unbeaten 102 but failed to prevent Nottinghamshire completing the CB40 double over Hampshire at Trent Bridge.

**18** Billy Sharp hit a hat-trick in Saints' 4-1 pre-season win against Swiss outfit Etoile Carouge.

**18** Totton's Nick Buis and Winchester's Emma Rogers won the Stoney Cross RR10.

**19** Saints signed defender Nathaniel Clyne from Crystal Palace

**19** Neil McKenzie made an excellent 134 on the first day of the LV County Championship win against Essex.

**22** James Tomlinson's 5-68 and a match-winning boundary catch by Sean Ervine

clinched Hampshire a dramatic two-run LV County Championship win against Essex at Chelmsford.

**25** Hampshire won a dramatic Friends Life t20 quarter-final against Notts at Trent Bridge by four wickets. They recovered from 78-5 to reach their 179-run target off the last ball thanks largely to Neil McKenzie's unbeaten 79.

**26** Jack Cork came off the bench for his first appearance at London 2012, but a

late Senegal equaliser denied Team GB victory at Old Trafford.

**27** AFC Totton received a pre-season blow when striker Nathaniel Sherborne dislocated an ankle and broke a leg in a friendly against Basingstoke Town.

**28** Glenn Maxwell took a match-winning 6-98 against Totton & Eling to leave South Wilts CC in pole position for the Southern Electric Premier League title in his final game for the club.

**28** Saints lost a pre-season friendly against Ajax, 1-0 at St Mary's

**28** Stoneham's Richard Bland produced his best finish of the European Tour season, tying for eighth place in the Lyonesse Open, in Austria. A vital result in his bid to keep a place on the elite circuit in 2013.

**29** Beach volleyball star Zara Dampney, from Christchurch, won her opening match at London 2012 with Shauna Mullin

**29** Southampton diver Pete Waterfield finished an agonising fourth in the 10m synchro final with Tom Daley at the London 2012 Aquatics Centre.

**31** Snooker sensation Shane Castle, from Marchwood, won his third title of the year, adding the European Junior Open title to the Under 14 and Under-16 national titles he won in May

## AUGUST

**1** Southampton Diving Academy's Chris Mears finished fifth in the 3m synchro final, alongside Nick Robinson-Baker.

**1** Southampton rower James Foad won Olympic bronze with the men's eight at Eton Dorney

**2** Lymington-based superstar Ben Ainslie boosted his challenge for a fourth successive Olympic gold in the Finn Class with a win in the day's opening race. But he accused Danish rival Jonas Christensen of dirty tricks as he finished third in the second.

**4** Hamble's Dani King won Team Pursuit gold with Laura Trott and Jo Rowsell on an unforgettable Saturday night for British sport.

**5** Southampton sailor Iain Percy missed out on a third Olympic gold when a "gust of wind" meant he and Andrew 'Bart' Simpson had to settle for second in the Star class.

**5** Ben Ainslie became the most successful Olympic sailor of all time when he crossed the line in a dramatic final race at Weymouth, to win a fourth successive gold.

**5** Winchester's Rob Moore helped GB's hockey team come from 3-0 down to draw 3-3 with Australia at the Riverbank Arena.

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# A DOUBLE TROPHY

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## AUGUST

**6** Hampshire's Peter Charles, 52, helped win GB's first showjumping gold for 60 years.

**7** Fresh from helping Team GB reach the Olympic quarter-finals, Jack Cork suffered an ankle injury in a pre-season draw at Bristol City that ruled him out of the season's start.

**7** Former Trojans star Alex Danson's late goal failed to prevent Team GB's women from losing to Argentina in the hockey semi-finals.

**8** Southampton Diving Academy's Stacie Powell exited the 10m platform at the first hurdle.

**9** Winchester hockey star Rob Moore scored for Team GB but could not prevent a 9-2 semi-final humbling against the Netherlands.

**10** Alex Danson's fifth goal of the tournament helped Team GB secure a bronze medal with a 3-1 win against New Zealand. It also ensured she finished as the top scorer.

**10** Pete Waterfield exited the 10m platform in the first round.

**11** Saints crashed to a 4-0 defeat against Udinese in their last pre-season match at St Mary's.

**12** Justin Rose produced his best finish in a major tournament, tying for third place in the PGA Championship, at Kiawah Island, South Carolina. Despite his lofty position, Rose's score of four-under-par was still nine shots behind runaway winner Rory McIlroy.

**18** Jimmy Adams hit 149 as Hampshire beat Northants by eight wickets despite conceding an 80-run first-innings deficit.

**18** Southampton Athletics Club clinched the British Athletics League's Division Three title.

**19** Kevin Pietersen was booed off the field on his return to the Ageas Bowl after being bowled first ball by Liam Dawson for the second time this season. Hampshire won the t20 match.

**19** Life back in the Premier League got off to a dramatic start, but after leading 2-1 at



the home of the champions Saints were beaten 3-2 by Manchester City.

**19** Southampton triathlete John Sharkey won the Everton 10k, with Valerie Sesto winning the women's race.

**21** Danny Briggs was included in England's 15-man squad for the World Twenty20.

**25** Hampshire won their second Twenty20 title and qualified for the Champions League by beating Yorkshire in the

final in Cardiff.

**25** Gary Hunt maintained his defence of the Cliff Diving World Series title with victory in front of 47,000 in Boston, USA.

**25** Saints lost 2-0 at home to Wigan Athletic.

**28** South Africa's Hashim Amla hit 150 at the Ageas Bowl as South Africa beat England by 80 runs in the opening

ODI of the Natwest Series.

**28** Saints signed Emmanuel Mayuka from Swiss side BSC Young Boys - and won 4-1 at Stevenage Borough in the Capital One Cup.

**30** Japanese defender Maya Yoshida signed for Saints from Dutch side VVV-Venlo.

**31** Record-buy Gaston Ramirez finally completed his £12m move from Bologna on transfer-deadline day. Saints also

signed American goalkeeper Cody Cropper and loaned out Billy Sharp (Nottingham Forest) and Dean Hammond (Brighton).

## SEPTEMBER

**1** Michael Carberry fired Hampshire to the CB40 final with 68 from just 36 balls against Sussex at Hove, prompting talk of an England recall.

**2** Just as they had done against Manchester City, Saints went 2-1 up against Manchester

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# HAUL FOR ROYALS



**CHAMPIONS:** Hampshire Royals celebrate the first of their two trophy wins in 2012 (left), the twenty20 final win was followed up by success in the CB40 final just a couple of weeks later. Hampshire golfer Justin Rose (above) leads the party after he and his European teammates pulled off an incredible victory over the Americans in the Ryder Cup. Saints looked like pulling off an upset at Manchester City on their first game back in the topflight after Rickie Lambert (right) gave them an early lead, but the reigning Premier League champions came back to win 3-2.



United, with Rickie Lambert and Morgan Schneiderlin on target. But Robin Van Persie completed his hat-trick with two late goals in a 3-2 win for Sir Alex Ferguson's side at St Mary's.

**4** Wheelchair tennis star Peter Norfolk, a two-time Paralympic gold medallist, suffered a shock quarter-final defeat.

**4** Eastleigh's David Smith won bronze with GB's boccia team at the Paralympics.

**5** Saints conceded defeat in their attempt to sign Alessandro Del Piero, who signed for Australian side Sydney FC instead

**6** Saints midfielder Dean Hammond returned to Brighton on a season-long loan.

**7** Eastleigh Borough Council finally gave the go-ahead for work to start on the £30m project at Hampshire's Ageas Bowl.

**7** Hampshire's hopes of LV County Championship promotion ended with a 122-run defeat to Essex at the Ageas Bowl.

**7** Totton's Aaron Phipps suffered disappointment at the Paralympics, with failure to reach the wheelchair rugby semi-finals.

**9** Eastleigh's David Smith won his second Paralympic medal, claiming silver in the individual boccia event.

**9** Gary Hunt finished second in the penultimate event of the Cliff Diving World Series, the first to be held in Britain (Pembrokeshire). It left him 70 points adrift of his main rival.

**11** Ian Baird was sacked as Eastleigh manager and replaced by Richard Hill.

**12** Danny Briggs made his England Twenty20 debut in the final international of the season, taking 1 for 16 from two overs in a series-levelling win

against South Africa at Edgbaston.

**15** It was a day of contrasting emotions in north London. An hour after Saints crashed to a 6-1 defeat against Arsenal at the Emirates, Hampshire completed the limited-overs double by winning a thrilling CB40 final against Warwickshire at Lord's, on fewer wickets lost after the scores finished level.

**22** Saints overcame a 1-0 half-time deficit to thump Aston Villa 4-1 at St Mary's.

**23** More than 500 runners defied appalling weather to complete the New Forest Marathon.

**25** Jay Rodriguez scored his first Saints goals in a 2-0 Capital One Cup win against Sheffield Wednesday at St Mary's.

**27** Southampton's Gary Hunt pipped Colombia's Orlando Duque to the Red Bull World Cliff Diving title – his third in as many years – by just two points after a tense final round in Oman.

**29** Gaston Ramirez gave Saints an early lead at Goodison Park with his first Saints goal – only for Everton to eventually run out 3-1 winners.

**30** Justin Rose was one of the main protagonist in Europe's record-breaking Ryder Cup victory. He mounted a spectacular late charge to dramatically beat Phil Mickelson in the singles, helping José María Olazábal's team famously overturn a 10-6 deficit on the final day, in what was nicknamed the 'Miracle at Medinah'. Overall, Hampshire golfer Rose won three of a possible five points during the week.

## OCTOBER

**3** Ex-Saint and former Hampshire cricketer Albert Roles died aged 91.

**5** Guy Butters resigned as Winchester City manager and joined Eastleigh as Richard Hill's assistant.

**6** Two-goal Jose Fonte rescued a point for Saints with a late equaliser in a 2-2 draw against Fulham at St Mary's.

**6** Blackfield & Langley reached the FA Cup's fourth and final qualifying round for the first time in the club's history, with a shock 3-1 win away to Southern League Sholing.

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# SAINTS SHOW FIGHT

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## OCTOBER

**6** Following back-to-back defeats against Kerry Hope and Billy Joe Saunders, Tony Hill got his boxing career back on track with a fantastic third-round knockout of Kelvin Young in Swindon.

**10** Despite Shahid Afridi's first Hampshire appearance of the year and Michael Carberry's 65, the Royals were knocked out of the Champions League t20 in their opening qualifier, following an eight-wicket thrashing by Auckland Aces in Johannesburg.

**14** Winchester & District AC's Andy Greenleaf won the third round of the Hampshire Road Race League, the Solent Half Marathon.

**20** The pressure increased on Saints manager Nigel Adkins following a 4-1 defeat at West Ham

**20** AFC Totton missed out on another televised FA Cup tie when they lost at home to Cambridge City, while Blackfield & Langley's first-round dream ended with a 3-0 loss at Hastings United.

**23** Under fire Saints boss Nigel Adkins was given a resounding vote of confidence by Saints fans, with 78 per cent backing him in a *Daily Echo* poll.

**27** Gareth Bale scored on his return to St Mary's in a 2-1 Spurs win

**28** Billy Sharp was in a record field of more than 25,000 to complete the Great South Run in Portsmouth – less than 24 hours after playing for Nottingham Forest at Barnsley.

**30** Saints crashed to a 3-0 defeat away to Leeds United in the Capital One Cup.

**31** Hampshire wicketkeeper Michael Bates signed a new two-year contract

## NOVEMBER

**1** Jeff Levick, who was awarded an MBE in the New Year Honours List for services to disability cricket, stood down as Hampshire Cricket Board chairman after ten years in the role.

**2** Lord's hero Kabir Ali signed for Lancashire after turning down a new contract offer at Hampshire.



**BRINGING THE CURTAIN DOWN ON 2012:** The Great South Run (above) took place in October, while golfer Richard Bland (left) enjoyed a spectacular end to 2012 by securing his European Tour card for 2013 at the last tournament of the season. Sailor Sam Davies (right) was forced out of the Vendee Globe round the world race after her boat suffered a broken mast. Jason Puncheon (facing page) celebrates with his Saints teammates as his side recorded a 3-1 win over QPR to keep their Premier League survival bid on track going into 2013.



**3** Salisbury's Stuart Holloway won the Lordshill 10-mile Road Race

**5** Peter Odemwingie scored a goal in each half as Saints lost 2-0 at West Brom.

**10** Hampshire trio Alex Thomson, Mike Golding and Sam Davies began their Vendee Globe adventure from the French port of Les Sables D'Olonne

**10** Saints' young keeper Paulo Gazzaniga gifted ex-Saint Nathan Dyer an equaliser as Saints drew 1-1 at home to Swansea City.

**10** AFC Totton thumped Blue Square South Basingstoke Town 3-0 in the FA Trophy

**10** Saints legend Eric Day passed away, aged 91.

**14** Simon Katich stunned Hampshire by joining Kabir Ali in signing for Lancashire.

**16** A broken mast ended Sam Davies's Vendee Globe dream in the North Atlantic.

**17** Saints eased the pressure on Nigel Adkins with a vital 3-1 win at QPR, the only side below them in the Premier League.

**18** Richard Bland secured his European Tour card for 2013 in dramatic fashion. Bland's tied 69th result in the Hong Kong Open gave him 119th place in the order of merit – the final qualification spot for next season. His earnings of €184,018 for the year put him just €693 ahead of 120th.

**23** Matty Tew became International Masters lightweight champion, the maid-

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# AT THE END OF 2012



en title of his pro boxing career, with a ten-round points win over Ruben Movsesian in London.

**24** AFC Totton's FA Trophy adventure ended when a last-minute goal gave high-flying Blue Square Premier outfit Forest Green Rovers a 2-1 win.

**28** Saints continued their unbeaten run with a 1-1 draw against Norwich.

**29** Liphook's Sam Hutsby earned a Challenge Tour card for 2013, after making the cut at European Tour qualifying school. The 24-year-old endured what he called "the most stressful day of my life" to make the cut. Had he missed out, he would have held no playing rights for next year.

**30** Big-time boxing returned to Southampton Guildhall. Jon Fernandes captured the

Southern Area super bantamweight total, winning a brilliant ten-round contest with a 97-95 points verdict against Jamie Speight. Alex Dilmaghani, Darryl Still, Chris Hobbs and Joe Pigford also won.

## DECEMBER

**1** Saints suffered a 1-0 defeat at Liverpool, Daniel Agger scoring the only goal.

**1** Southampton-born Harlequins ace Mike Brown completed helped England beat New Zealand 38-21.

**3** Lymington Sailor Ian Williams was crowned world matchracing champion for an historic fourth time.

**8** Jason Punccheon scored the crucial only goal as Saints beat fellow strugglers

Reading 1-0 at St Mary's, but star midfielder Adam Lallana limped off with a knee injury that is likely to keep him out until well into the New Year.

**8** Blackfield & Langley continued their second record cup run of the season by reaching the FA Vase fourth round for the first time following a 2-0 win at GE Hamble. They will play Wessex rivals Bemerton Heath Harlequins next month.

**9** Southampton sailor Leigh McMillan clinched the Extreme 40 world title in Rio De Janeiro

**9** Another memorable year for Golden Ring ABC ended with them boasting three NABC National champions in Lewie Edmundson, Brad Pauls and Jack Stringer.

**10** A Saints U18 team including James Ward-Prowse was knocked out of the FA Youth Cup, losing 2-0 at home to Everton.

**18** Graham Kemp resigns after six years as manager of Sydenhams Wessex Premier Christchurch

**21** Hampshire sign Pakistan spinner Saeed Ajmal, the world's number one one-day bowler, as their overseas player for August and September 2013

**22** Saints crash to a 1-0 defeat at home to fellow strugglers Sunderland, with Steven Fletcher scoring the only goal in the 42nd minute.

**26** A late Rickie Lambert penalty secured Saints a Boxing Day point with a 1-1 draw at Fulham

**28** Hampshire's London 2012 heroes were recognised in the New Year's hours list. Record-breaking sailor Ben Ainslie was knighted, and Dani King (cyclist) and Helena Lucas (Paralympic sailor) were both awarded an MBE.

**29** Saints led 3-1 at Stoke City through goals from Rickie Lambert, Jay Rodriguez and an Andy Wilkinson own goal, only for Stoke to fight back and level in the 90th minute through Cameron Jerome's stunning equaliser.

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Yasmina Reza

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Tamasha and Circus Space

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# Non-league Football



## Hanson rocking cup

ANDOVER-BASED John Hanson Year 10s have reached the last 32 of the English Schools FA Under-15 Cup and host Bradon Forest School, from Swindon, on Friday.

The national cup campaign started with a tricky away tie against Bitterne Park, who were ESFA quarter-finalists last season, **writes MIKE VIMPANY.**

The John Hanson team, pictured above, took an earlier lead through a well taken goal from Charlie Preece, but Bitterne got a deserved equaliser in the second half. With the game heading for extra time, Charlie Preece produced a moment of excellence to smash home a 2-1 winner from 18 yards.

Round two produced another away game against Poole High School, where the team had numerous injuries going into the game but a gutsy performance produced a 2-0 victory, thanks to goals from Sam Jantuah and Charlie Preece.

"There were excellent defensive displays from stand-in captain Will Hall and goalkeeper Cameron Tobin," enthused head of PE Mike Green.

Two away wins were rewarded with a home third-round tie against Wootton Bassett, whom JH beat 3-2.

John Hanson were much more relaxed and took a 3-1 half-time lead with two goals from Jack Hughes and one from Ally McCracken.

"The second half was a much tighter affair and the visitors decreased the deficit, but the lads held on with some great defensive displays from Will Hall

and Ben Edmonds," Green added.

Round four saw another home game against Highworth Warneford School and also the furthest the team had been in the ESFA competition.

"Highworth had won their previous two games 10-0 and 9-0, so the team knew they had their hands full to make round five," Green said.

John Hanson won a tight game on the Astro-turf pitch 1-0 – a neatly executed free kick by Jack Hughes settling the tie.

The Andover teenagers emerged victorious by a single goal once again when Wiltshire's Kingdown School arrived in round five – John Hanson starting the game well, with early possession converted into the only goal when Ally McCracken calmly finished from close range.

Green added: "We failed to finish off are opponents, hitting the woodwork a number of times, but strong performances from Ben Edmonds and Dean Carr saw the team make it through to the last 32."

So now it's the last 32 and when John Hanson host their Swindon opponents on Friday they will hopefully be able to continue a run of form which has seen them unbeaten this season in all competitions.

Green concluded: "The boys have worked so hard to get to this stage and have produced some excellent football, the best I've seen in my teaching career. All members of the squad have upped their game and got what they deserved."

# FIVE ALIVE: BUSHMEN MAINTAIN TITLE GRIP

## ■ DREW SMITH LEAGUE

**WITH the new year comes new hope so let us take stock and review where we are at with our various competitions.**

**PREMIER DIVISION:** It looks to be the closest finish for years with up to seven teams still with a realistic chance of winning the title.

Bush Hill are favourites to seal a fifth consecutive title, but Netley and Nursling are locked on 16 points with them. Comrades, Soton University, Questmap, Cadnam and even BTC could sneak in as they plough through their games in hand.

**SENIOR 1:** Also tight with six teams – Hedge End Town, East Boldre, Soton Energy, Park Sports, BTC Soton Reserves, White Horse – still having realistic title hopes. Current leaders Hedge End have played most of their seemingly difficult games but will have to hope other teams beat each other in the run in. Will be interesting.

**JUNIOR 1:** QK Soton A lead the way with Langley Manor and Veracity Vipers tucked in just behind. Both Solent Saints and Riverside have games in hand and could have a big say in this one if cup involvement doesn't get in the way.

**JUNIOR 2:** Leaders Compton Reserves and Harefield look to be the top two in this one but West Totton have improved greatly of late and Chamberlayne could sort out their topsy-turvy form to mount a late challenge.

**JUNIOR 3:** The top three in this one – Bitterne, Warsash Wasps and Stanton have taken points off each other – so will all be watching the form of AFC Gulf Western.

**JUNIOR 4:** Chandler's Ford look favourites for the title but leaders Priory Rovers have a real chance of challenging them. Applewood Joinery and Botley Village have games in hand, while Harefield Reserves have picked up after a rocky start.

**JUNIOR 5:** Phoenix are flying in



**MICHELMERSH & TIMSBURY A:** Have struggled so far this season but will be hoping the new year brings a change of fortune. Back row (from left): Rob Purse, Louie Cross, James Humphries, Luke Osman, MacKenzie New. Middle: Calum Cooper, Paul Crook, Errol Pester, Reece Standen. Front: Darren Clark, Gary Hale, Arron Pester, Mark Turnbull.

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this section, with Sporting Wessex, Botley Village Reserves and FC Wellington Reserves seemingly chasing runners-up honours.

**JUNIOR 6:** Bishop's Waltham may be just three off the bottom but they have only played four games – winning all of them. AFC Station look most likely to challenge them but Mitre and Burridge Village are still very much in contention should Dynamos slip up.

**VETS A:** Colden Common lead the way but both Nursling and BTC (only one league match played) are still on

one 100 per cent records. Much to play for in this division.

**VETS B:** Leaders Hedge End Rangers and Hythe Aztecs look favourites for this section but they have yet to meet which could allow RS Winchester or even GE Aviation B grab the silverware.

**VETS C:** Langley Tavern (Junior Vets) have a perfect record and games in hand on cup specialists Woolston and surprise leaders Royal Mail.

**VETS OVER 40:** Locks Heath's scoring prowess looks like earning them the inaugural title but Wildern, Bishops Waltham Dynamo, Hamble Club or even Langley Tavern (Senior Vets) could profit should they falter.

## ■ DREW SMITH LEAGUE CUP DRAWS FOR 2013

### RV JUNIOR LEAGUE SUPP TROPHY

**ROUND 1:** Compton Res v AFC Grains, Inmar v FC Wellington, Veracity Vipers v Langley Manor, Wellow v London Airways, West Totton v Braishfield.

**ROUND 2:** Bitterne v Inmar or FC Wellington, Capital v Infinity Res, Otterbourne A v AFC Gordons, Questmap Res v Hamble United, Stanton v Chamberlayne, Veracity Vipers or Langley Manor v Compton Res or AFC Grains, Warsash Wasps v Wellow or London Airways, West Totton or Braishfield v Bricklayers AFC.

### RV JUNIOR LEAGUE SUPP VASE

**ROUND 1:** Good Companions v Priory Rovers, Hamble United Res v AFC Station, Michelmersh & T A v Harefield Res, Mitre v Horton Heath, Rover v Athletico Romsey, Upham Res v FC Wellington Res.

**ROUND 2:** AFC Phoenix v S G Sports, Burridge Village v Mitre or Horton Heath, Cricketers Eastleigh v Good Companions or Priory Rovers, Hamble Utd Res or AFC Station v Mich & Tims A or Harefield Res,

New Forest v Rover or Athletico Romsey, New Forest Res v AFC Stoneham A, South Coast Sports v Upham Res or FC Wellington Res, Sporting Wessex v Braishfield Res.

### EASTLEIGH RA VETERANS O-35 SUPP A CUP

(Teams to play each other once with the top two qualify for semi finals).

**GROUP 1:** GE Aviation A, Compton, GE Aviation B, Q K Soton, Sporting BTC B

**GROUP 2:** Redlynch & W, Northend Utd, Baddesley PK, RS Winchester, Hedge End Rangers.

### VETS O-40 SUPP B CUP

(Teams to play each other only, top team qualify for semi finals).

**GROUP 1:** Royal Mail, Mich & Tim, Langley Manor, BTC Soton B.

**GROUP 2:** Winchester OB, Bishops Waltham Dyn, Hamble Club, O Tauntonians.

**GROUP 3:** Locks Heath, Redbridge OB, AFC Stoneham.

**GROUP 4:** Sholing, Wildern OB, Priory Rovers.

### TROPHYMAN SENIOR LEAGUE CUP

**SEMI-FINALS:** Park v Questmap and Cadnam United v Bush Hill.

### ROY WIGHTMAN JUNIOR LEAGUE CUP

**QUARTER-FINALS:** Applewood Joinery v Forest Town Res, Bishops Waltham Dynamo v Riverside, Chandlers Ford 4 Chamberlayne 0, Lyndhurst Reserves/Harefield or Q K Soton A v AFC Gulf Western.

### EASTLEIGH RA VETS LEAGUE CUP

**QUARTER-FINALS:** BTC Soton A v RS Winchester or Sporting BTC A, Colden Common v Old Tauntonians or BTC Soton B/Nursling, Compton 0 Woolston 1, Langley Manor w/o Langley Tavern.

### Drew Smith teams remaining in the HFA

**Cups are as follows:**  
**HFA INTERMEDIATE CUP RND 4:** Brading Tn v Bush Hill, Forest Tn v Netley Central Sports, Yateley Green or Tadley Res v Southampton University.

**HFA JUNIOR A CUP RND 4:** Compton v Carberry, Harefield v Hook, Warsash

Wasps v Yarmouth & C or West Meon & Warrford, Welly v AFC Gulf Western, Tron v Solent Saints.

**HFA JUNIOR B CUP RND 4 (QUARTER-FINALS):** Lindford or Botley Village v Ropley or Chandlers Ford, Bishops Waltham Dyn v Botley Village Reserves.

**HFA VETS CUP SEMI-FINALS:** Colden Common v Nursling, Sporting BTC v Hythe Aztecs.

**Drew Smith teams remaining in the Southampton FA divisional cups are as follows:**

**SENIOR CUP QUARTER-FINALS:** AFC Stoneham v Hedge End Rangers, Eastleigh Reserves v Comrades, Team Solent v Sholing Reserves, Soton University v Brockenhurst.

**JUNIOR A CUP SEMI-FINALS:** Solent Saints v Riverside, Veracity Vipers v AFC Grains.

**JUNIOR B CUP SEMI-FINALS:** Chandlers Ford v Priory Rovers, New Forest Res v S G Sports.

**VETS CUP SEMI-FINALS:** BTC Soton v Woolston, Hythe Aztecs v Nursling.

## Water torture for Trophy pair

**THE wait goes on for Poole & Dorset and Southampton Boys, who are still no closer to knowing who their English Schools Under-15 Trophy fifth round opponents will be.**

Poole have a home tie lined up against either Swansea or Torbay, whose fourth-round tie has fallen victim to water-logged pitches on several occasions.

Southampton await the winners of the equally long delayed meeting of Brent and Swindon

but at least look set to get some match action against Portsmouth in the Charlton League next Saturday morning.

● Hampshire Under-14 Boys travel to Greenford, near Wembley, to play Middlesex in the English Schools Under-14 County Trophy second round next Saturday, 11.30.

The Hampshire squad is: Tommy Barnes, Ollie Dennett, Luke Grinyer, Austin Gwilliam, Max Hyde, Will Lovell, Dan Sayers, Tom Scott, Harry Tumber, Toby Wallace, Lewis Watch, Theo Widdington, Jack Wilson, Kieran Winman, Lucas Woods, Sam Woodward.

**DREW SMITH RESULTS AND SCORERS APPEAR IN MONDAY'S ECHO**



## ■ FOOTBALL FIXTURES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

**Monday, 7 January**

### FA CUP

**Third round:** Cheltenham v Everton.

### SALISBURY HOSPITAL CUP

**First round:** Bemerton HH v Salisbury City.

**Tuesday, January 8**

### CAPITAL ONE CUP

**Semi-final first leg:** Bradford v Aston Villa.

### npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE

**League 2:** Morecambe v Dag & Red.

### JOHNSTONE'S PAINT TROPHY

### Southern section semi-finals:

Leyton Orient v Yeovil, Oxford Utd v Southend.

### BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE

**Premier:** Hereford v AFC Telford, Southport v Lincoln City, Luton v Barrow, Braintree Town v Macclesfield, Alfreton Town v Wrexham, Gateshead v Grimsby.

### South:

Dorchester v Bromley, Eastleigh v Billericay, Tonbridge Angels v Havant & Waterlooville.

### EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

**Premier Division:** Chesham v Redditch, Kettering v St Neots.

### Division One South & West:

Bridgwater v Merthyr Town, Winchester City v Poole Town, Yate v Cirencester.

**Red Insure Cup, third round:** Barwell v Leamington, Bedford v Arlesey, North Leigh v Cinderford, Northwood v Hemel Hempstead, Shortwood v Didcot, Slough v AFC Hayes.

### RUSSELL COTES CUP

**Second round:** Fareham Town v Moneyfields, Fleet Town v Blackfield & Langley, GE Hamble v Lymington Town, Locks Heath v Gosport Borough, Totton & Eling v Hordean.

### SYDENHAMS LEAGUE

**Premier Division:** AFC Portchester v Newport IoW, Alton v Alresford, Downton v Romsey, Hamworthy Utd v New Milton.

**Division One:** Cowes Sports v Tadley Calleva, Team Solent v Brockenhurst.

### WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

**Premier Division:** Dorchester Town v AFC Portchester.

**Division One West:** New Milton Town v Lymington Town.

**Wednesday, January 9**

### CAPITAL ONE CUP

**Semi-final first leg:** Chelsea v Swansea.

### BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE

**South:** Boreham Wood v Maidenhead.

### EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

**Red Insure Cup, third round:** Frome Town v Paulton Rovers, Sholing v Wimborne Town.

### WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

**Premier Division:** Moneyfields v Christchurch, Poole Town v Bashley. **Wyvern Shield:** Group A: GE Hamble v East Cowes Vics.

**Thursday, January 10**

### JOHNSTONE'S PAINT TROPHY

### Northern section semi-final:

Coventry v Preston.

### WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

**Premier Division:** Salisbury City v Fleet Town, Winchester City v AFC Totton.

**Division One West:** Blackfield & Langley v Romsey Town.

**Wyvern Shield:** Group C: Team Solent v Hayling Utd.

**Friday, January 11**

### npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE

**Championship:** Wolverhampton v Blackburn.

### SYDENHAMS LEAGUE

**Premier Division:** Totton & Eling v Alresford Town.

**Saturday, January 12**

(All FL games 3pm ko unless stated)

### BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE

Aston Villa v SAINTS, Everton v Swansea, Fulham v Wigan, Norwich v Newcastle, Reading v West Brom, Stoke v Chelsea, Sunderland v West Ham.

### npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE

**Championship:** Barnsley v Leeds, Bolton v Millwall, Brighton v Derby, Bristol City v Leicester, Burnley v Crystal Palace, Cardiff v Ipswich, Charlton v Blackpool, Huddersfield v Birmingham, Hull v Sheffield Wed (5.20), Middlesbrough v Watford, Nottm Forest v Peterborough.

**League 1:** Bournemouth v Swindon, Colchester v Scunthorpe, Leyton Orient v Crewe, Milton Keynes Dons v Bury, Oldham v Brentford, Portsmouth v Notts County, Sheff

Utd v Yeovil, Shrewsbury v Hartlepool, Stevenage v Doncaster, Tranmere v Crawley Town.

**League 2:** AFC Wimbledon v Wycombe, Aldershot v Accrington Stanley, Bradford v Oxford Utd, Burton Albion v Torquay, Cheltenham v York, Chesterfield v Northampton, Dag & Red v Rochdale, Exeter v Southend, Fleetwood Town v Bristol Rovers, Gillingham v Port Vale, Plymouth v Morecambe, Rotherham v Barnet.

### BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE

**Premier:** Braintree Town v AFC Telford, Hereford v Alfreton Town, Lincoln City v Newport County, Mansfield v Kidderminster, Nuneaton v Forest Green.

**South:** AFC Hornchurch v Salisbury City, Basingstoke v Staines, Eastbourne Borough v Dorchester, Eastleigh v Boreham Wood, Farnborough v Dover, Havant & Waterlooville v Bath City, Hayes & Yeading v Weston-super-Mare, Tonbridge Angels v Maidenhead, Truro v Billericay.

### EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

**Premier Division:** AFC Totton v Weymouth, Arlesey v Hemel Hempstead, Barwell v Cambridge City, Bashley v Chesham, Bideford v Banbury, Chippenham v Gosport Borough, Kettering v Stourbridge, Leamington v Frome, Redditch v Bedford, St Albans v Hitchin, St Neots v Bedworth.

### Division One South & West:

Abingdon Utd v Winchester City, Bishops Cleeve v Bridgwater, Cirencester v Cinderford, Clevedon v Evesham, Hungerford v Swindon Supermarine, Merthyr Town v Mangotsfield, Paulton Rovers v Poole Town, Sholing v North Leigh, Taunton v Shortwood, Wimborne v Didcot, Yate v Tiverton.

### SYDENHAMS LEAGUE

**Premier Division:** Blackfield & Langley v Alton, GE Hamble v Downton, Hayling Utd v Bournemouth Poppies, Hordean v Verwood, Lymington Town v Hamworthy Utd, Moneyfields v Fareham, New Milton v Christchurch, Newport IoW v Fawley AFC.

**Division One:** Amesbury v Tadley Calleva, Brockenhurst v Laverstock & Ford, Cowes Sports v Hythe & Dibden, Petersfield Town v Stockbridge, Pewsey Vale v Team Solent, Ringwood v Andover New Street, US Portsmouth v Fleet Spurs, Whitchurch v East Cowes Vics.

### WILTSHIRE SENIOR CUP

**Quarter-final:** Westbury v Bemerton Heath Harlequins.

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### PREMIER LEAGUE

**PEHPL Senior Cup, quarter-final:** Liss Athletic v Colden Common (1.30).

**Senior Division (all 2.00):** AFC Aldermaston v Otterbourne, Bournemouth Sports v Winchester Castle, Fleetlands v Clanfield, Hamble Club v Liphook, Hedge End Rangers v Locks Heath, Paulsgrove v Overton, Sporting BW v AFC Stoneham, University of Portsmouth v QK Southampton.

**Combination (all 2.00):** Clanfield v Bournemouth Sports, Liphook v Sporting BW, Winchester Castle v AFC Aldermaston.

**PEHPL Combination Cup, quarter-finals (all 1.30):** AFC Stoneham v Colden Common, Locks Heath v Hedge End Rangers, Otterbourne v Fleetlands, Overton v Paulsgrove.

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**Division One:** Forest Town v Crusaders, Four Marks v Broughton, Infinity v Andover Lions, Michelmersh & Timsbury v Lyndhurst.

### WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

**Premier Division:** AFC Portchester v Fleet Town, Bemerton HH v Salisbury City, Christchurch v Wimborne, Gosport Borough v Sholing.

**Division One West:** Downton v Hythe & Dibden, East Cowes Vics v Lymington Town, Fawley AFC v Ringwood, Laverstock & Ford v Blackfield & Langley, Verwood v Romsey.

**Division One East:** Alresford v Petersfield, Alton v US Portsmouth, Fareham Town v GE Hamble, Tadley Calleva v Hordean.

**Wyvern Shield:** Group C: Team Solent v New Milton.

**HAMPSHIRE INTERMEDIATE CUP**

**Fourth round:** Colden Common Res v Infinity (1.45).

## CRICKET SPOTLIGHT



**TRUE GENT:** Christopher Martin-Jenkins.

### IT WAS in the mid-80s that I first met the great Christopher Martin-Jenkins.

My late father insisted on taking a detour en route back from a family holiday and, as chance would have it, there was the BBC's cricket correspondent strolling past his alma mater. So my dad pulled over.

I don't think CMJ remembered JPW, who was two years below at both Marlborough College and Cambridge University, but he was very generous with his time.

Several years later, I had the privilege of sharing a press box with the doyen of cricket journalism and once again found him to be a true gent.

There were no airs and graces from the great CMJ when he arrived at the Ageas Bowl to cover a Hampshire match for *The Times*.

Unusually for a chief cricket correspondent of a national newspaper, he had a love for the County Championship that saw him decamp to the shires whenever he could.

Rarely did I see him in an agitated state, but technology usually did it.

"Oh Fishcakes!" he would exclaim whenever his laptop crashed (I never heard him swear). Another eternal source of frustration was the squeezing of county cricket coverage, especially in August when another football season began.

A champion of the domestic game, CMJ preferred watching it at venues like Hove and the charm of out-grounds, such as Horsham and Arundel, to Test stadia.

His county affiliations meant he would often attend Hampshire v Sussex, especially if England were not playing and his son was.

As a contemporary of Robin's, I

# SUMMERS WILL NEVER BE THE SAME

recall seeing CMJ from a distance while playing in the Sussex Under-14 festival for my club, Cuckfield, as we were soundly beaten by Martin-Jenkins junior and his teammates at Cricketfield Road, Horsham.

Wary of appearing nepotistic in later years, CMJ was reluctant to push his son's name forward for England selection. He would refer to "the chap with the long name" when asking how Robin was performing elsewhere.

I last saw CMJ at a county fixture in August 2008, towards the end of his final season as cricket correspondent of *The Times*.

Fittingly, it was an excellent advert for the County Championship and took place at the spiritual home of John Arlott, another great *Test Match Special* broadcaster.

Hampshire beat eventual champions Durham by two wickets in their first game at May's Bounty, Basingstoke for eight years.

CMJ was in his element during Sean

Ervine's match-winning, unbeaten 94 after Hampshire had been bowled out for 96 in their first innings.

But what I remember most from those few days was the many spectators fascinated by the presence of CMJ as he tapped away on his laptop in the press tent on the boundary's edge.

Some simply observed the master at work while several autograph hunters had the audacity to thrust their cricket paraphernalia towards him as he approached deadline. CMJ signed every one.

The press marquee was packed that week, as was the Ageas Bowl's new media centre on the day it opened, when I last saw the great man, in June 2010.

"What are all these people doing in your press box?" he smiled as we queued for lunch before England beat Australia by four wickets in the first one-day international of the season.

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**SIMON WALTER**

**'He had a love for the County Championship that saw him decamp to the shires whenever he could'**



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for Rural Affairs for the confirmation of the following byelaws.

## BYELAW

## 'Vessels Used in Fishing'

This byelaw replaces the SIFCA Emergency and the  
SSFC legacy byelaws and was made by the Authority on  
20 December 2012. It restricts the use of commercial fishing  
vessels over 12m in overall length from fishing within the  
SIFCA district, whilst allowing recreational rod and line  
fishing and/or dive vessels with no more than 12 passengers  
onboard to fish.

## BYELAW REVOCATION

## 'Carriage of Oysters'

This byelaw was introduced to stop illegal fishing within  
the Solent Oyster Fishery Order 1980. The Order was not  
renewed in 2010, therefore making the byelaw redundant.

A full text of the above Byelaws and Impact Assessments can  
be inspected at, or obtained from Southern IFCA 64 Ashley  
Road, Parkstone, Poole Dorset BH14 9BN or viewed on the  
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Any person wishing to object to the confirmation of the above  
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Tyne NE4 7YH (or [IFCABylaws@marinemanagement.org.uk](mailto:IFCABylaws@marinemanagement.org.uk)) within  
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## FA Cup Third Round

<b>A. Villa</b> .....2	<b>Ipswich</b> .....1
Bent 46	Chopra 31
Weimann 83	
HT 0-1	
<b>Barnsley</b> .....1	<b>Burnley</b> .....0
Rose 85	
HT 0-0	Att 5,091
<b>Blackburn</b> .....2	<b>Bristol C</b> .....0
Murphy 7, Hanley 58	
HT 1-0	Att 5,504
<b>Bolton</b> .....2	<b>Sunderland</b> .....2
Lee 12	Wickham 60
Sordell 48	Gardner 75
HT 1-0	Att 12,204
<b>Brighton</b> .....2	<b>Newcastle</b> .....0
Orlandi 33	
Hoskins 87	
HT 1-0	Att 21,740
<b>Charlton</b> .....0	<b>Huddersfield</b> .....1
	Beckford 11
HT 0-1	Att 6,657
<b>Crawley</b> .....1	<b>Reading</b> .....3
Adams 1	Le Fondre 13, 49 pen
HT 1-2	Hunt 44
<b>Crystal P.</b> .....0	<b>Stoke</b> .....0
HT 0-0	Att 5,880
<b>Derby City</b> .....5	<b>Tranmere</b> .....0
Davies 42	
Sammon 54	
Brayford 63	
Hendrick 72	
Bennett 87	
HT 1-0	Att 11,740
<b>Fulham</b> .....1	<b>Blackpool</b> .....1
Karagounis 80	Sylvester 60
HT 0-0	Att 14,473
<b>Hull</b> .....1	<b>Leyton O.</b> .....1
Proschwitz 90	Mooney 78
HT 0-0	Att 5,585
<b>Leeds Utd</b> .....1	<b>Birmingham</b> .....1
Bechchi 32	Elliot 30
HT 0-1	Att 11,447
<b>Leicester</b> .....2	<b>Burton Albion</b> .....0
Wood 3	
De Laet 21	
HT 2-0	Att 14,463
<b>Luton</b> .....1	<b>Wolves</b> .....0
Lawless 46	
HT 0-0	Att 9,638
<b>Man City</b> .....3	<b>Watford</b> .....0
Tevez 25	
Barry 44	
Lopes 90	
HT 2-0	Att 46,821
<b>Middlesbrough</b> .....4	<b>Hastings Utd</b> .....0
Zemmama 22, 68	Goldburg 69
Haliday 47	
Miller 85	
HT 1-0	Att 12,579
<b>Millwall</b> .....1	<b>Preston</b> .....0
Feeney 31	
HT 1-0	Att 5,364
<b>Nottm For</b> .....2	<b>Oldham</b> .....0
Smith 13 og	Simpson 54, 58
Sharp 90	Baxter 61
HT 1-0	Att 11,293
<b>Peterboro</b> .....0	<b>Norwich</b> .....3
	E Bennett 30
HT 0-2	Jackson 41
<b>Q.P.R.</b> .....1	<b>W.B.A.</b> .....1
Dyer 90	Long 79
HT 0-0	Att 8,984
<b>Sheff Wed</b> .....0	<b>M K Dons</b> .....0
HT 0-0	Att 11,462
<b>SAINTS</b> .....1	<b>Chelsea</b> .....0
Rodriguez 22	Ba 35, 61
	Moses 45
	Ivanovic 52
	Lampard 83 pen
HT 1-2	Att 27,813
<b>Spurs</b> .....3	<b>Coventry</b> .....0
Dempsey 14, 37	
Bale 33	
HT 3-0	Att 35,766
<b>West Ham</b> .....L	<b>Man Utd</b> .....L
HT L-L	
<b>Wigan</b> .....1	<b>CHERRIES</b> .....1
Gomez 70	O Kane 41
HT 0-1	
<b>Oxford Utd</b> .....0	<b>Sheff Utd</b> .....3
	McMahon 17
	Kitson 68
	Blackman 87
HT 0-1	
<b>Aldershot</b> .....3	<b>Rotherham</b> .....1
Hylton 6, 23, 62	Frecklington 71 pen
HT 2-0	Att 2,992
<b>Southend</b> .....2	<b>Brentford</b> .....2
Corr 39, 54	Adeyemi 29
HT 1-2	Cresswell 38 og
<b>Macclesfield</b> .....2	<b>Cardiff</b> .....1
Barnes-Homer 85, 88 pen	Jarvis 57
HT 0-0	

## npower League One

<b>Crewe</b> .....1	<b>Stevenage</b> .....2
Anke 32	Akins 55
HT 1-0	Haber 60
	Att 4,262

<b>Doncaster</b> .....1	<b>Colchester</b> .....0
Cotterill 84	Att 6,373
HT 0-0	
<b>Scunthorpe</b> .....0	<b>Shrewsbury</b> .....0
HT 0-0	Att 3,044
<b>Swindon</b> .....4	<b>Carlisle</b> .....0
Williams 16, 55	
Collins 36, De Vita 80	
HT 2-0	Att 9,162
<b>HOME AWAY</b>	
P W D L F A W D L F A Pt	
Tranmere 26 7 4 2 23 11 7 4 2 19 13 50	
Doncaster 26 6 2 5 16 16 9 3 1 23 8 50	
Sheff Utd 26 6 6 1 23 13 6 5 2 15 10 47	
Brentford 25 8 3 1 21 11 4 7 2 15 12 46	
Swindon 25 7 4 3 30 8 6 2 3 16 10 45	
M K Dons 25 8 2 3 21 12 4 4 4 16 13 42	
CHERRIES 25 7 5 1 25 11 4 4 4 18 22 42	
Crawley 26 6 3 4 22 19 6 2 5 14 18 41	
Stevenage 25 3 5 4 16 22 8 2 3 17 12 40	
Yeovil 26 6 2 5 19 15 6 1 6 22 23 39	
Crewe 26 7 2 4 15 12 4 4 5 18 21 39	
Coventry 26 3 5 5 19 17 7 2 4 25 17 37	
Netts City 24 4 2 6 16 16 5 7 0 20 10 36	
Walsall 27 5 4 5 18 21 4 4 5 16 20 35	
Preston 26 3 6 4 16 14 5 4 4 18 17 34	
Leyton O 24 6 0 6 13 13 5 1 6 14 17 34	
Shrewsbury 27 5 5 3 17 14 1 6 7 13 20 29	
Carlisle 26 4 2 7 19 29 4 3 6 14 20 29	
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POMPEY 26 3 2 8 14 17 2 4 7 15 27 21	
Bury 26 2 5 6 12 19 2 4 7 14 22 21	
Hartlepool 25 1 3 8 8 20 1 3 9 10 26 12	

## npower League Two

<b>Acc Stanley</b> .....0	<b>Dagenham</b> .....2
	Saunders 21
HT 0-1	Howell 52
<b>Barnet</b> .....2	<b>Bradford</b> .....0
Alteno 41	
Oster 48	
HT 1-0	Att 2,317
<b>Bristol R</b> .....0	<b>Gillingham</b> .....2
	Whelpdale 3
HT 0-2	Burton 44
<b>Northampton</b> .....3	<b>Fleetwood Town</b> .....1
Robinson 7, 41	Allen 90
Platt 53	
HT 2-0	Att 6,088
<b>Port Vale</b> .....4	<b>Plymouth</b> .....0
Myrie-Williams 32	
Pope 55, 83	
Williamson 77	
HT 1-0	Att 5,139
<b>Rochdale</b> .....0	<b>AFC Wimbledon</b> .....1
	McCallum 56
HT 0-0	Att 2,071
<b>Wycombe</b> .....2	<b>Chesterfield</b> .....1
Hause 45	O'Shea 29
Kuffour 54	
HT 1-1	Att 3,492
<b>York</b> .....1	<b>Exeter</b> .....2
Potts 19	Robinson 14 og
HT 1-1	Keoghane 53
	Att 3,506
<b>HOME AWAY</b>	
P W D L F A W D L F A Pt	
Gillingham 25 6 3 3 24 12 9 3 1 20 9 51	
Port Vale 26 6 4 3 30 15 8 3 2 24 14 49	
Rotherham 25 8 0 5 28 18 5 4 3 14 17 43	
Cheltenham 25 8 2 2 21 11 4 4 5 15 22 42	
Exeter 26 3 4 6 16 20 9 1 3 23 18 41	
Southend 26 5 4 4 17 12 6 3 4 24 14 40	
Fleetwood 26 5 5 3 16 13 5 5 3 18 12 40	
Bradford 26 8 2 3 22 11 3 5 5 15 20 40	
Northampton 25 9 2 3 29 13 2 4 5 14 20 39	
Burton Albion 26 8 3 2 28 14 3 3 7 9 23 39	
Chesterfield 27 5 4 5 23 16 4 4 6 11 15 36	
Rochdale 27 4 4 6 18 16 6 2 5 27 29 36	
Oxford Utd 25 6 3 3 20 14 4 2 7 18 24 35	
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Bristol R 25 4 3 6 18 23 1 4 7 10 26 22	

## Scottish Division One

<b>Cowdenbath</b> .....1	<b>Morton</b> .....1
Caddis 37	MacDonald 51
HT 1-0	Att 647
<b>Dumbarton</b> .....0	<b>Dunfermline</b> .....1
HT 0-1	Barrowman 1
<b>Hamilton</b> .....1	<b>Falkirk</b> .....1
MacKinnon 80	Taylor 13
HT 0-1	Att 1,423
<b>Livingston</b> .....2	<b>Partick</b> .....2
Andrew 29, McNulty 90	Doolan 25, Craig 32
HT 1-2	Att 1,762



**RUNAWAY SUCCESS:** Brighton's Andrea Orlandi celebrates scoring during the FA Cup third round match against Newcastle at the AMEX Stadium.

<b>Raith</b> .....2	<b>Airdrie Utd</b> .....0
Graham 35	
Clarke 61	
HT 1-0	Att 1,270

## Scottish Division Two

<b>Brechin</b> .....3	<b>Alloa</b> .....2
McKenna 4	Cawley 17
Trouten 50	Phipp 36
Jackson 83	HT 1-2
HT 1-2	Att 602
<b>East Fife</b> .....2	<b>Albion R</b> .....0
Samuel 12, 46	
HT 1-0	Att 486
<b>Queen Stn</b> .....5	<b>Arbroath</b> .....1
Lyle 54	Doris 18
Clark 58, 84	
Carmichael 65	
McKenna 81	
HT 0-1	
<b>Stenhousemuir</b> .....2	<b>Forfar</b> .....0
Dickson 65	
Smith 67	
HT 0-0	Att 461
<b>Stranraer</b> .....0	<b>Ayr Utd</b> .....1
	Winters 38
	Att 803

## Scottish Division Three

<b>Berwick</b> .....2	<b>E Stirling</b> .....0
Lavery 10	
Easton 17	
HT 2-0	Att 473
<b>Clyde</b> .....2	<b>Annan Athletic</b> .....3
Sweeney 50	Chaplain 14
Graham 78	Daly 15
HT 0-2	Att 524
<b>Peterhead</b> .....0	<b>Montrose</b> .....1
	Johnson 3
HT 0-1	Att 594
<b>Rangers</b> .....1	<b>Elgin</b> .....1
MacLeod 9	Alexander 87 og
HT 1-0	Att 46,406
<b>Stirling A.</b> .....2	<b>Queen Park</b> .....3
Ferry 58, 75	Connolly 29
HT 0-1	McGinn 53
	McPartland 66
	Att 657

## Blue Square Bet Premier

<b>AFC Telford</b> .....1	<b>Southport</b> .....3
Reid 88	Grand 65, 69
HT 0-0	Almond 77
	Att 1,643

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## Local non-league results

## BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE

**South:** Basingstoke 2 Bath City 1, Billericay pp Farnborough, Boreham Wood 2 Eastbourne Borough 1, Bromley 3 Eastleigh 1, Dorchester 2 Hayes & Yeading 2, Dover 0 Staines 1, Havant & Waterlooville 5 Hornchurch 2, Maidenhead 2 Chelmsford 1, Salisbury City 1 Sutton 0, Welling 4 Truro 3, Weston-super-Mare 2 Tonbridge 0.

## EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE

**Premier Division:** Banbury 1 Barwell 2, Bedford 0 Aylesbury 0, Bedford pp Redditch, Cambridge City 2 St Albans 1, Chesham 6 AFC Totton 0, Frome 1 Bishops Cleeve 2, Bideford 0, Hemel Hempstead 5 Kettering 2, Stourbridge 5 Leamington 1, Weymouth 0 Chippenham 0.

**Division One South & West:** Bridgwater 1 Paulton Rovers 3, Cinderford 2 Taunton 1, Didcot 2 Cirencester 2, Evesham pp Abingdon Utd, Mangotsfield 1 Hungerford 0, North Leigh 1 Merthyr Town 3, Poole Town 2 Yate 3, Shortwood 2 Sholing 3, Swindon Supermarine 1 Wimborne Town 2, Tiverton 1 Bishops Cleeve 1, Winchester City 0 Clevedon 2.

## SYDENHAMS LEAGUE

**Premier Division:** Alresford 3 Lymington 0, Alton 1 AFC Portchester 2, Bemerton HH 0 GE Hamble 2, Bournemouth Poppies 2 Totton & Eling 1, Christchurch 4 Romsey 0, Downton 3 Horndean 1, Fareham 4 Hayling Utd 2, Fawley AFC 2 New Milton 1, Newport IOW 2 Moneyfields 0, Verwood 0 Blackfield & Langley 3.

**Division 1:** Andover New Street 3 US Portsmouth 5, Cowes Sports 3 Amesbury 0, Hythe & Dibden 2 Petersfield 4, Laverstock & Ford 2 Pewsey Vale 2, Stockbridge 4 Brockenhurst 5, Tadley Langley 2 Ringwood Town 1, Team Solent 4 Whitechurch Utd 0.

## PUMA ENGINEERING HPL

**PEHPL Senior Cup, quarter-final:** AFC Aldermaston 0 AFC Stoneham 1.

**Senior Division:** Bournemouth Sports 5 University of Portsmouth 1, Clarendon 2 Fleetlands 1, Liphook 4 Hedge End Rangers 3, Overton 7 Hamble Club 0, Paulsgrove 2 Sporting BW 2, QK Southampton 3 Liss 5, Winchester Castle 0 Locks Heath 2.

**Combination:** AFC Stoneham 7 Winchester Castle 2, Fleetlands pp AFC Aldermaston, Hedge End Rangers pp Bournemouth Sports, Liss 3 Overton 2, Locks Heath 3 Liphook 2, Otterbourne 6 Colden Common 1, Sporting BW 2 Paulsgrove 1.

## MAGNATA CARE HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE 2004

Andover Lions 4 Durlay 0, Crusaders 1 Broughton 1, Michelmersh & Timsbury 1 Four Marks 4.

## WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE

**Premier Division:** AFC Portchester 2 Bemerton HH 2, Sholing 4 Christchurch 0, Wimborne 3 Dorchester Town 2.

**Division One West:** East Cowes Vics 7 Downton 1, Lymington Town 3 Hythe & Dibden 0.

**Wyvern Shield:** Group C: Romsey Town 1 Ringwood 6

Group E: Petersfield Town 3 Blackfield & Langley 1

## HAMPSHIRE INTERMEDIATE CUP

**Third round:** Bournemouth Electric 1 AFC Totton Res 2.

**Fourth round:** GE Hamble Res 1 New Milton Town Res 4, Baffins Milton Rov 3 Lyndhurst 0, Colden Common 5 Infinity 4, Forest Tr 0 Netley CS 0 aet (Netley 8-7 pens)

## DREW SMITH SOUTHAMPTON LEAGUE

**Premier Division:** Comrades 5 BTC Soton 3, Nursling 0 Questmap 3, Soton University 2 Cadnam Utd 3.

**Senior 1:** Durlay Res 0 Park Sports 4, East Boldre 4 BTC Soton 0, Soton Energy 10 Michelmersh & T Res 3, White Horse 1 Burridge AFC 3.



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